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DEMONSTRATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL FOUR, SEVENTYONE, RM.

PROPOSED MARCH FROM EUTAW, ALABAMA TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,  
MARCH TWENTYNINE- APRIL TWO, SEVENTYONE, SPONSORED BY SCLC IN  
SUPPORT OF WAR AGAINST REPRESSION; IS-MISC.

MARCH AGAINST REPRESSION, STATE OF FLORIDA, TO END APRIL FOUR  
SEVENTYONE, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, RACIN.

THE FOLLOWING WAS OBSERVED INSTANT DATE BY AN AGENT OF THIS  
BUREAU:

AT EUTAW, GREENE COUNTY, ALA., APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED  
INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED IN A MARCH DOWN THE MAIN STREET OF THE  
TOWN TO A LOCAL CHURCH FOR A SHORT RALLY, ATTEMPTING TO AROUSE  
SUPPORT FOR ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTERS. ONE HORSE AND ONE WAGON

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BELONGING TO A LOCAL RESIDENT WAS USED IN THIS MARCH. AT APPROXIMATELY THREE THIRTY P. M. ABOUT SEVENTYFIVE INDIVIDUALS LEFT EUTAW IN A WHITE BUS WITH "ST. MARK CME CHURCH" PRINTED ON THE SIDE ACCOMPANIED BY APPROXIMATELY TEN PRIVATE AUTOMOBILES AND ONE RYDER RENTAL BUS. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY THIRTYFIVE INDIVIDUALS IN THE CHURCH BUS AND ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER IN THE PRIVATE CARS. THE RENTAL BUS CARRIED BAGGAGE, ETC. THIS CARAVAN IN CHARGE OF ALBERT TURNER, SCLC OFFICIAL AND THEIR FIRST STOP WAS IN MARION, PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA, WHICH IS IN MOBILE TERRITORY.

MOBILE HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION BY TELEPHONE AND WILL ASSUME COVERAGE.

ADMINISTRATIVE; LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN BIRMINGHAM TERRITORY AWARE OF ABOVE. INASMUCH AS THIS MARCH MERELY ORIGINATED IN BIRMINGHAM, S TERRITORY, NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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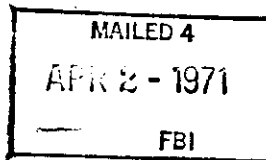
**Laureldale, Pennsylvania 19605**

Dear

In reply to your letter of March 29th, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I am unable to be of further assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



**NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.**

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Now I think the American people have a right to know who the communists are. I want to know if Martin Luther King was a communist.

If the FBI can't tell me then who the hell can? Who's side are you and your staff on? I'm a patriotic American citizen.

Thank you

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DEMONSTRATION MARKING ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER

KING, JR., APRIL TWO DASH FOUR NEXT, RM.

RE NEW YORK TEL APRIL ONE LAST RE PARTICIPATION OF NEW  
LEFT GROUPS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. WHO INTEND TO TRAVEL TO NEW  
YORK CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MARTIN LUTHER KING DEMONSTRATIONS  
THAT CITY ON APRIL TWO DASH SIX, NEXT.

ESTABLISHED SOURCES TO WFO NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH GROUPS  
THIS AREA WHO INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK CITY  
DEMONSTRATIONS. P

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DEMONSTRATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL FOUR, SEVENTYONE. RM.

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[REDACTED] A RALLY TO BE HELD ON APRIL THREE,  
NEXT, AT THE ST. FRANCIS CHURCH IN MILWAUKEE AND ALSO  
SCHEDULED IS A MARCH ON THE SAME DATE IN THE DOWNTOWN  
MILWAUKEE AREA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT FATHER JAMES GROPP  
WOULD BE PRESENT DURING THE RALLY AND DEMONSTRATION.

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SOURCES ADVISED THAT THE MPAC IS AN ARM OF THE PEOPLES COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE (PCPJ). THE PCPJ IS A COALITION OF VARIOUS PROTEST GROUPS INCLUDING THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

FATHER JAMES GROPPY IS NATIONALLY KNOWN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST.

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APPROPRIATE LOCAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED AND BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED UPON RECEIPT OF ANY FURTHER DETAILS.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3-26-71

Attached relates the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is planning to conduct a demonstration in New York City in connection with the anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. Rallies are scheduled to be held at New York City Hall on 4-2-71, and in Central Park on 4-3-71. A crowd of about 10,000 is expected in Central Park. On April 5, 1971, a march from Union Square to the Treasury Building is planned. About 3,000 are expected to participate in this march.

Copy of attached sent Inter-Division Information Unit. Pertinent parts will be included in summary to the White House, Vice President, Attorney General, Defense Intelligence Agency and Secret Service.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE.

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[REDACTED] FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR  
NEW YORK CITY DURING THE PERIOD APRIL TWO THROUGH FIVE, NINETEEN  
SEVENTY ONE. THIS INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED AT A CONFERENCE  
INVOLVING TWO ASSISTANTS TO MAYOR JOHN LINDSAY, RALPH DI GIA  
OF THE WAR RESISTORS LEAGUE, ROBERT CALVERT OF THE WAR TAX  
RESISTANCE, ABNER GURNAUER OF THE VIETNAM PEACE PARADE COMMITTEE  
AND WILLIS J. JENKINS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION.

THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS;

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APRIL SECOND; FROM NOON UNTIL TWO PM, A RALLY WILL BE HELD AT CITY HALL, AT WHICH TIME A DELEGATION WILL SEE THE MAYOR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO DEMAND ACTION ON THE PROBLEMS OF NEW YORK CITY, SUCH AS HOUSING , EDUCATION, POLLUTION AND UNEMPLOYMENT. THE LOWER END OF CITY HALL PARK WILL BE USED FOR THE RALLY FOR WHICH THE SPEAKERS WILL BE RALPH ABERNATHY AND HOSEA WILLIAMS OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), DAVE DELLINGER OF THE PEOPLES COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE AND CAESAR CHAVEZ OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS. THREE THOUSAND TO FIVE THOUSAND ARE EXPECTED.

APRIL THREE; FROM ONE THIRTY TO THREE THIRTY PM, A RALLY WILL BE HELD AT THE BAND SHELL IN CENTRAL PARK WITH TEN THOUSAND PERSONS EXMPECTED TO ATTEND. DELEGATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FROM MISSISSIPPI AND PENNSYLVANIA BY BUS AND A MULE TRAIN CONSISTING OF TWO WAGONS AND FOUR MULES IS EXPECTED TO BE AT COLUMBUS CIRCLE. BOOTHS WILL BE SET UP ON THE WALKS IN THE PARK TO DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE. THE SPEAKERS WILL BE THE SAME AS ON APRIL SECOND.

APRIL FOUR; CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES THROUGHOUT THE CITY  
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WILL BE CALLED UPON TO HOLD SERVICES COMMEMORATING THE WORK OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. MOTORISTS WILL BE ASKED TO DIRVE WITH HEADLIGHTS ON. RALPH ABERNATHY IS EXPECTED TO PREACH AT THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH. DELEGATIONS ARE EXPECTED FROM ILLINOIS, TENNESSEE, WASHINGTON, DC, VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA.

APRIL FIVE; AT TEN AM, A GROUP WILL ASSEMBLE AT THE NORTH END OF UNION SQUARE AND ARE EXPECTED TO MACH<sup>2</sup> SOUTH ON BROADWAY LED BY TWO MULE TRAINS. BY ELEVEN AM, THIRTY THOUSAND ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART AND WILL REACH CITY HALL BY NOON, WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY ABOUT THREE THOUSAND OTHERS FROM BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. THE ENTIRE GROUP WILL THEN PROCEED SOUTH ON BROADWAY TO WALL STREET, WHERE A RALLY WILL BE HELD AT THE TREASURY BUILDING. SPEAKERS INVITED TO THE RALLY SCHEDULED FOR TWELVE THIRTY TO THREE PM ARE DOCTOR GEORGE WILEY OF THE NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, CONGRESSWOMAN BELLA ABZUG AND RALPH ABERNATHY AND HOSEA WILLIAMS OF THE SCLC.

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FROM ST. LOUIS (157-4800) 1P

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NO MASS DEMONSTRATIONS OR DISRUPTIONS SCHEDULED OR ANTICIPATED IN ST. LOUIS FOR WEEKEND OF APRIL FOURTH. SMALL RALLY TO BE HELD ON APRIL THIRD AT PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH FOLLOWED BY MARCH TO ST. LOUIS MAYOR'S HOME. BOTH SPONSORED BY AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC) AND ST. LOUIS CHAPTER OF COALITION AGAINST WAR, RACISM AND REPRESSION. SEVERAL NEGRO CHURCHES WILL HAVE SPECIAL SERVICES HONORING KING. AUTHORITIES EXPECT ONLY PEACEFUL GATHERINGS; NO VIOLENCE ANTICIPATED.

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO ALBANY MARCH TWELVE LAST. ALL RACIAL INFORMANTS CANVASSED; NONE KNOW OF ANY PLANS TO USE ANNIVERSARY AS SPRINGBOARD TO VIOLENCE LOCALLY. SL WILL SUBMIT LHM UPON COMPLETION OF ACTIVITIES.

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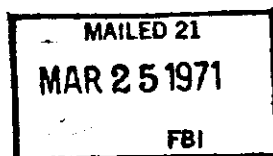
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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of March 20th, I am unable to answer your questions as information contained in the files of the FBI cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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March 20, 1971

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Sir:

○ In a recent setting a person stated, "Martin Luther King, was a member of at least sixty Communist-front Organizations."

L.Jr.  
First, how many Communist-front organizations are known of, (I assume that you know of all of them.) to be in the United States? *do*

Second, how many, if any, Communist-front organizations did Martin Luther King associate with, or was a member?

Sincerely,

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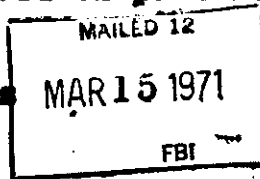
DEMONSTRATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH  
ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1971  
RACIAL MATTERS

Information from sources and in the press indicates that various groups are planning demonstrations to coincide with the third anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., April 4, 1971.

The Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), recently announced that his organization plans a series of Spring demonstrations in a campaign against poverty, war, and repression which will culminate in a march on Wall Street in New York City on April 4. At a February meeting of the Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee, the New York City arm of the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice (PCPJ), a representative of SCLC announced that the April 4 march will be preceded by teach-ins and other activity in New York City High Schools on April 2, and a take-over of sections of Central Park on April 3. Delegates from the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, which is controlled by the Socialist Workers' Party, agreed to support this demonstration. The PCPJ is a coalition of various protest groups including the Communist Party.

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In Chicago, Illinois, a coalition of labor, peace and social welfare organizations calling itself "The Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemoration Committee," has announced plans for "freedom marches" and rallies in Chicago on the eve of April 4. This group is hopeful of attracting 10,000 participants.

In view of the potential for violence and disorder in demonstrations such as those being planned for New York City and Chicago, all offices should be alert for any information indicating that mass demonstrations commemorating King's death are being planned in their respective divisions, or that militant or extremist groups and individuals are planning to participate in the demonstrations in New York City, Chicago, or elsewhere. If such information is developed, necessary investigation should be conducted to identify militant and extremist individuals and groups involved and to determine the tactics they intend to use in the demonstrations. All information is to be immediately furnished to the Bureau and pertinent offices by teletype suitable for dissemination and under appropriate descriptive caption. Individuals and organizations mentioned must be briefly characterized.

Informants are to accompany groups traveling to these demonstrations. Bureau authority is necessary prior to sending an informant. A copy of communication requesting authority to send an informant is to be directed to the pertinent office and is to include the code name utilized by the informant.

Close liaison should be maintained with police and other local agencies where the demonstrations are to be held and you should be particularly alert to possible violations of the antiriot statutes and other Federal statutes within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

NOTE:

See memorandum R.D. Cotter to Mr. C.D. Brennan, same caption dated 3/10/71, prepared by JCT:pca.

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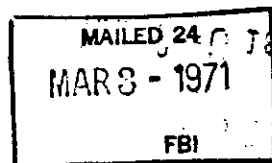
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St. Vrain, New Mexico 88133

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of February 22nd and, with respect to your comments, I am unable to furnish the evaluation you are seeking. In addition, data in FBI files is confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. Any decision to honor an individual through the declaration of a holiday is the responsibility of the appropriate authorities in the locality concerned and it would not be proper for me to comment on any such action.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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St. Vrain, N. Mex. 88133

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I'm one of several concerned citizens in our community who opposes any action to make a national holiday of the birthdate of Martin Luther King.

We lack factual information on which to base this opinion, only personal convictions.

I'm writing you to see if you have any information or opinions which you are at liberty to disclose with regard to Mr. King, and which might be helpful to us.

Thank you for giving this matter your consideration.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/24/71

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-8589) (RUC)

SUBJECT: *FWH* MARTIN LUTHER KING  
WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

RM

(OO: WFO)

*GA* *690*  
Re WFO airtels to Bureau and LHM 12/31/70 and 1/3/71, and teletype to Bureau 1/14/71; Atlanta teletype to Bureau 1/15/71.

All action requested of Atlanta by office of origin has been taken in this matter. As of this date Atlanta has no additional pertinent information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS SECTION

DATE: 2/16/71

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157- 376) (C)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. DeLoach ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Bishop ✓  
Mr. Casper ✓  
Mr. Callahan ✓  
Mr. Conrad ✓  
Mr. Felt ✓  
Mr. Gale ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tavel ✓  
Mr. Walters ✓  
Mr. Soyars ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Miss Holmes ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

Enclosed for the Bureau is an article captioned, "Let's Talk Politics," which is a featured article published on a weekly basis in "The Weekly Challenger," a St. Petersburg, Florida, weekly Negro newspaper, which is distributed throughout the middle portion of Florida from St. Petersburg to Cocoa.

The article sets forth opinions by the author, NORMAN E. JONES, of contrasts in the philosophy of MARTIN LUTHER KING and ROSA LEE PARKS, which may be of interest to the Bureau.

Article forwarded for information of the Bureau.

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*FLA*  
*Article*  
**Let's Talk Politics**

*Article* **How About A Rosa Parks National Holiday?** *FLA*

*Article* by Norman E. Jones

TAMPA-- The eventually futile attempt to bulldoze Congress into declaring a national holiday on Martin Luther King's birthday by his wealthy widow and few other misguided citizens would be comic if the proponents of this farfetched attempt to raise this philandering zealot to sainthood were not serious. Naturally, the well-heeled widow wishes to exalt her late spouse as the nearer he is to a saint the better the hustle for the Martin Luther King Foundation and the higher her fee for speaking, so with the widow it is a matter of cold cash in keeping alive the myth of this small time Baptist preacher. During his lifetime the widow sort of played a back seat role as all the money came through King's hand first and he was not too generous with the heavy gravy, at least to his wife. Now that the widow is handling all the money first, it is only natural that she should wish to keep him in the limelight. Just imagine if her wishes should come to pass how much about loot would come in to the Martin Luther King Foundation all of which is controlled of course by Mrs. King, what with programs being held all over the country and collections taken up and forwarded to the Martin Luther King Foundation it could become a really big proposition running into millions of dollars each year. Funny thing Mrs. King never mentions Rosa Lee Parks who started it all anyhow. Last time we heard Mrs. Parks was still a domestic, only this time in Chicago, while Mrs. King is perhaps a millionaire. Seems like Rosa Parks should at least share a little in millions of dollars of loot King collected in his lifetime and Mrs. King is still coining the bucks, yet Rosa Parks is worse off than she was before she started the whole thing with her refusal to give her seat up on the bus. At least if such a holiday is declared it should be the Martin Luther King-Rosa Parks National Holiday, certainly Mrs. Parks should get equal billing. Different from the chicken-egg argument of which came first, there is no question of which came first Rosa Parks or Martin Luther King. Mrs. Parks came first of course but King took over and gained international fame and wealth and Mrs. Parks is unknown and poorer than she was at first. Certainly Mrs. King should cut Mrs. Parks in for some of the money she is coining as well as for some of the recognition she is due for having the unselfish courage of making the first step toward martyrdom. Let us belatedly rally to the cause of the gallant her of Rosa Lee Parks.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

THE WEEKLY  
CHALLENGER  
St. Petersburg,  
Florida  
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Date: 1/30/71  
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Editor: CLARENCE JOHNSON  
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Honorable Bill Blythe  
House of Representatives  
Austin, Texas 78711

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Dear Mr. Blythe:

On February 16th I received your letter and appreciate  
your interest in contacting me.

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While I wish I could furnish you the information you  
desire, it is not possible to do so because of the confidential nature of  
our files pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am,  
however, enclosing some public source material which I hope will be  
of help to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Congressional Record May 16, 1968  
King Wiretap Called RFK's Idea

1 - Dallas - Enclosure

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BILL BLYTHE  
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2632 YORKTOWN #550  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027  
713 623-6728



The State of Texas  
House of Representatives  
Austin, Texas

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February 11, 1971

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, ~~Director~~  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently the Texas Legislature memorialized Martin Luther King by passing a resolution in his memory. ~~Of the 150~~ members of the Texas House, only two of us voted against the resolution.

My basis for voting against the resolution was that I felt that in reality King was surrounded by violence and was not a man of non-violence as depicted by the resolution. This decision was based in part on my own personal observations and also on some of your statements as quoted in the news media.

It would be most appreciated if you could provide me with any background material in reference to King that will further justify and substantiate my position in this matter.

Your attention to this matter will be most helpful in my efforts as a Legislator to maintain responsible government.

With every good wish.

Sincerely yours,

*Bill Blythe*  
Bill Blythe

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[REDACTED]  
Orem, Utah 84057

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter which was received on February 16th, I am unable to comply with your request for information because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[REDACTED]  
Orem, Utah

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

In view of the present movement to glorify the name of Martin Luther King by making a National Holiday of his birthdate, please make every effort possible to inform our Senators and Congressmen that this man was not a patriot of this wonderful country and should be condemned--not glorified. *1/20/71*

I would like a copy of your report on Mr. King-- *1* *D*

Very truly yours

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D.C.

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Honorable Thomas J. Meskill  
The Governor of Connecticut  
Hartford, Connecticut 06115

My dear Governor Meskill:

Your letter concerning constituent inquiries about Martin Luther King was received on February 16th.

While I wish it were possible to be of assistance to you, any information about the alleged communist affiliations of King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I am sorry I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

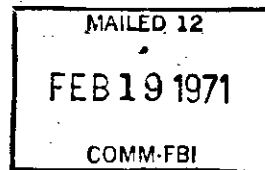
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THOMAS J. MESKILL  
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February 11, 1971

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

During recent weeks several of my constituents have written me regarding the late Dr. Martin Luther King and his alleged connection with several Communist movements in the United States.

If possible, please provide me with a brief report on these allegations so that I may intelligently answer those citizens who bring this matter to my attention.

Thank you for your kindness and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

GOVERNOR

Thomas J. Meskill

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Charleston Heights, South Carolina  
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
 Director,  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
 United States Department of Justice,  
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I appreciate your letter of January 27, 1971, in reply to my letter concerning the Government's promulgation of information to defense employees about utilizing their earned leave to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King.

I fully realize the responsibility of those of us throughout the Nation who decry the trend toward honoring subversives. Accordingly, I forwarded essentially the same letter which I wrote to your office to each of my Senators. Senator Thurmond forwarded my letter to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and sent to me a copy of the reply from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civilian Personnel Policy) which I enclose, herewith.

I am very concerned about the "many Americans" who revere Martin Luther King and his ilk. I am very concerned about the "reverend doctor's" "accomplishments", as well as those of Marx, Lenin, Stalin and their ilk; as well as those of their "mutual admiration society" in America today. However, I am more concerned about those in our Government who might revere any one of them for their "accomplishments", especially after having attained high office under the best governmental system of all history.

I stand ready to assist, to the best of my ability, loyal patriots of our Government who may legally resist the efforts to subvert our Constitution, dishonor our Flag, revere the "accomplishments" of subversives, or promulgate to our people invitations to do either. Furthermore, I wish to assist, insofar as may be practicable, all efforts to remove subversives and their sympathizers from public office or any position of public trust.

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 Very respectfully yours,

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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29 JAN 1971

Honorable Strom Thurmond  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Thurmond:

This is in reply to your recent letter on behalf of [REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED] Charleston Heights, South  
Carolina, concerning the liberal leave policy for Department of  
Defense employees on January 15, the anniversary of the birth  
of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Many Americans, black and white, revere Dr. King for his  
accomplishments, and we believe that the Department of Defense  
should do no less than allow those employees desiring to observe  
the anniversary of his birth the opportunity to take annual leave  
for this purpose. Annual leave is earned by Federal employees,  
and they are entitled to take it at a time of their choosing pro-  
vided, of course, that essential operations and work are not  
disrupted. The statement of the Deputy Secretary of Defense on  
January 12, 1971, and the action taken by the Charleston Naval  
Shipyard are considered consistent with the human goals of the  
nation.

It is hoped that the above information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Carl W. Clewlow

CARL W. CLEWLOW  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Civilian Personnel Policy)

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[REDACTED] b7(c)  
Charleston Heights, South Carolina  
15 February 1971

Hon. J. Strom Thurmond,  
United States Senator,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Senator:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 2, 1971, with copy of AstSecDef (Civilian Personnel Policy) letter of 29 January 1971, concerning the notification of defense employees of the observance of Martin Luther King's birthday.

As you probably noted when reading the letter of Mr. Clewley, cited above, I did not write originally to make inquiry about the rights of Government personnel to use their earned leave as they may wish. I have been a Federal employee for thirty-three (33) years. It was just not clear to me why our Government would, at taxpayers' expense, publish notices to defense personnel an invitation to celebrate the birthday of a subversive. It still isn't!

While some "Americans", no doubt, also revere Marx, Lenin and Stalin, our Government has not yet, to the best of my knowledge, openly passed out free advertisements for their birthday celebrations. Exposure of these who hold in esteem Martin Luther King, Karl Marx and their ilk, it seems to me, would be much more appropriate than inviting defense personnel to use their leave time to revere any one of them.

Why does not the Government, in the interest of our national security, promulgate to the public more information concerning the activities of the late "great reverend doctor" instead of encouraging Americans to revere him?

God help us!

Very respectfully yours,

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cc: Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Quincy, Illinois 62301

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter was received on February 8th and, with respect to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

I can tell you, however, that Mrs. Julia Brown furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1951 to 1960. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. Her views are strictly her own and do not represent the FBI in any way. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further regarding Mrs. Brown.

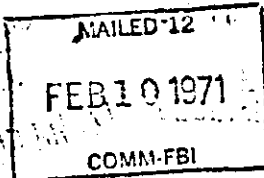
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J. Edgar Hoover

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Quincy, Illinois 62301

February 2, 1971

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Sir:

The Support Your Local Police organization of our area is bringing a speaker, Mrs. Julia Brown, to this community. In the advance notices, implications are put forth that Martin Luther King might have been a Communist. Of course, I am well aware of any John Birch group rationale, but I feel strongly that such innuendoes are unjust in our society. Is there a statement by the FBI concerning Martin Luther King that could be used for publication—to dampen such despicable activity of the John Birch "fronts"/? I have always felt that the FBI was above "Joe McCarthyism". I look to you for an answer.—Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

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In reply to your letter received on February 9th,  
information concerning Martin Luther King cannot be released  
because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters  
of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of help to you in this  
instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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I know that you probably want even have a chance to read this letter, much less send me any information but I surely would appreciate any effort that you could make.

Sincerely,

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Alexander City, Alabama 35010

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of the F.B.I.  
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TO DIRECTOR (25-531360)

FROM CINCINNATI (25-20113) 1P

*Al*  
*Martin Luther King*  
CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR., AKA *ALSO KNOWN AS* SSG NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT  
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT

AT APPROXIMATELY TEN TWENTYFIVE AM INSTANT DATE,  
SA [REDACTED] RECEIVED PERSON TO PERSON CALL FROM  
[REDACTED], THE WASHINGTON POST, WASHINGTON, DC, TELEPHONE  
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[REDACTED] STATED HE WAS WRITING AN ARTICLE CONCERNING  
WIRETAPPING ON MARTIN LUTHER KING AND DESIRED TO ASK  
SA [REDACTED] SOME QUESTIONS. SA [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] HE  
HAD NO COMMENT AND REFERRED HIM TO SAC, CINCINNATI. [REDACTED]  
DECLINED TO BE REFERRED TO SAC.  
IF [REDACTED] CALLS SAC, [REDACTED] WILL BE REFERRED TO BUREAU WITH NO  
COMMENT.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
SA [REDACTED] TESTIFIED IN USDC, HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN CASSIUS  
MARCELLUS CLAY TRIAL RE WIRETAPPING IN JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE,  
AND BUREAU HAS BACKGROUND RE HIS TESTIMONY.

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August 19, 1970

The attached column  
by Pamala Haynes appearing  
in "The Philadelphia Tribune"  
of August 15, 1970, was sent  
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MISS HAYNES

## RIGHT ON!

By

PAMALA HAYNES

A lot of people are getting geared up to snicker over the Dr. Martin Luther King-J. Edgar Hoover hassle and wring their hands in despair while ignoring the central point of the entire ugly episode.

That being not Dr. King's innocence or guilt. The man is dead and beyond any such judgment by us.

The scandal, if there is one, is the fact that an old man has access to the telephones and private information concerning every potential leader the oppressed can raise.

If Time Magazine and black novelist John Williams are correct in their revelation of what went on in that 1964 meeting between Dr. King and Hoover, if Hoover confronted him with tapes of phone conversations which would have ruined him as a moral leader, and merely lectured him, then he was wrong.

If, however, he "suggested" that Dr. King shut up yelling what a pack of racists the FBI was after giving him a rundown on what the tapes contained, then he should be fired for his gross misuse of the powers of his public office.

The existence of the tapes and lurid guesses as to their contents have been bandied about in certain circles for the past five or six years.

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The underground snout actually oozed to the surface last year when former Attorney General Ramsey Clark demanded that Hoover answer "yea" or "nay" to reports that his agents were playing the tapes for selected congressmen, Senators and editors.

Now it's one thing for a man to entertain his buddies with dirty movies or tape recordings of an enemy's alleged wrongdoing. It's certainly not the normal pastime for people with mature, balanced minds who accept sex as just another part of nature and not a subject for giggling and condemnation.

J. Edgar Hoover, mid-Victorian American white male of 75 years of age can listen to all the heavy breathing tapes he wishes.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, should not use personal information to political advantage or in an attempt to destroy someone who is battling him politically.

Dr. King was a Christian. Any fool with an ounce of knowledge of comparative political theory knows that Christianity and Communism are completely inimical to each other.

Communist Party organizers found this out the hard way when they made their big push in the 1930's and '40's to recruit black people into their party.

Black folks, they found, preferred Jesus to Karl Marx.

But J. Edgar has never been much on political theory. He's much too busy manning other people's telephones and deciding on his next victim. I'm not paranoid, but I have noticed a peculiar clicking sound on my phone at times. Have you?

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MEMORIAL CANDLELIGHT MARCH FOR REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
JR., AT TUSKEGEE, ALA., JANUARY FIFTEEN NEXT. RM

[REDACTED] INFORMED THAT ROBERT JACKSON AND  
CORNELL TATUM, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE STUDENTS, HAVE BEEN  
GRANTED PERMIT BY CITY OF TUSKEGEE TO HOLD A CANDLELIGHT  
MARCH AND SERVICES IN MEMORY OF THE LATE REV. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR., ON JANUARY FIFTEEN NEXT.

ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE STUDENTS ARE  
EXPECTED TO ASSEMBLE AT FIVE PM THAT DATE AND MARCH TO  
THE CITY SQUARE WHERE SERVICES WILL BE HELD, ENDING  
ABOUT SIX THIRTY PM. MARCH AND SERVICES EXPECTED TO BE  
ORDERLY AND REGULATED BY STUDENT MARSHALLS.

MACON COUNTY SO, ALA. DSP, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES  
AND SECRET SERVICE ALERTED. [ADMINISTRATIVE: NO LHM WILL BE  
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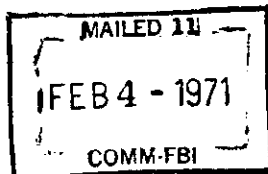
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Dear [REDACTED]

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Mt. Crawford, Va. 22841  
Jan. 27, 1971

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Dear Mr. Hoover,

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From your records could you tell me if Martin Luther King, Jr. believed the Protestant Creed? Did he believe in the Virgin Birth of Christ? Was he associated with Communists? Did he work for the Christian Church? Or, did he work to help Communist interests?

If there's any charge for your answer please send the

Yours truly,

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Borger, Texas 79007

Dear [REDACTED]

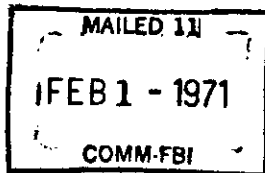
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I have received your letter of January 25th and want to thank you for the kind remark about my direction of the FBI. Also, the interest which prompted you to furnish your views is appreciated.

With respect to your request, it has always been my policy to refrain from injecting this Bureau or myself into matters relating to legislation. Within the Department of Justice, it is the function of the Attorney General to determine the desirability of legislation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Our files disclose [REDACTED] wrote us in July, 1970, inquiring about the National Council of Churches. We acknowledged his letter on 7/28/70, address as above.

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the good work you are doing.

I understand that U.S. Senator George McGovern has propose to introduce a bill to designate January 15th, Martin Luther King's Birthday as a national holiday.

This bill must be defeated.

When men of the character of Martin Luther King can possibly become heroes, and martyrs of this country, then it's indeed time to sit up and take notice of the dangerous trend that is becoming deeply rooted in our society.

I would appreciate your opinion concerning this matter. I remain.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSONVILLE (157-2271)

RALLIES AND POSSIBLE MARCH TO COMMEMORATE BIRTHDAY OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA. RM, IS DASH SMC, RACIN, STAG.

SOURCE NUMBER ONE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THIRTY STUDENTS MET AT MOORE AUDITORIUM, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY (FSU) TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, AT FOUR PM JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE TO TAKE PART IN A RALLY TO COMMEMORATE THE BIRTHDAY OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING. ALL BUT THREE OF THE GROUP WERE OF THE WHITE RACE AND SOME, INCLUDING JACK LIEBERMAN, THE PRINCIPAL LEADER, WERE MEMBERS OF STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE, FSU RADICAL DASH ANTI DASH WAR ORGANIZATION. THE GROUP WALKED ON SIDEWALKS TO THE CORNER OF VIRGINIA AND MACOMB STREETS, END PAGE ONE

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BY: J. J. G. Ch.

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TALLAHASSEE, WHERE A RALLY WAS HELD.

SOURCES TWO AND THREE, WHO HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED PERSONS TOOK PART IN THE RALLY. MOST WERE OF THE NEGRO RACE. IMPROMPTU SPEAKERS INCLUDED LIEBERMAN, RALIEGH JIGGER, LEADER OF MALCOLM X UNITED LIBERATION FRONT LOCAL BLACK MILITANT ORGANIZATION, AND OTHER PERSONS FROM THE RALLY GROUP. PRINCIPAL SPEAKER WAS REVEREND C. K. STEELE, LOCAL MINISTER AND MEMBER OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, WHO EULOGIZED KING. THE RALLY ENDED AT SIX PM WITHOUT INCIDENT.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND AUSA TALLAHASSEE WERE ADVISED. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND SECRET SERVICE BEING ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

RE JK TEL JANUARY FOURTEEN, LAST.

SOURCES ARE NUMBER ONE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NUMBER TWO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NUMBER THREE [REDACTED]

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

END

DEB WA DC FBI CL

CC  
MR. TROTTER  
ROOM 124 8AD

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January 19, 1971

J. Edgar Hoover, Dir. F.B.I.

Dear Sir:

Someone has to speak out against the abominable movement that is afoot in the land; namely the drive to establish as a national holiday the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. At a time when the great hero-patriots of America are relegated to the basement so far as national recognition is concerned, the exuberant efforts to an hysterical pitch to proclaim a day of reverence for the 'martyred' civil rights leader. It is utterly ludicrous that the man more than any other one man to promote violence and revolution in the U.S. is eulogized as a man of peace. I have documented proof that Martin Luther King was a willing tool of the communist party. By creating civil turmoil, King contributed to the strengthening of the communist conspiracy. He promoted 'civil disobedience'. He surrounded himself with communists and he belonged to sixty communist front organizations — more than any communist in the U.S.

Although Martin Luther King Jr. was not a card-carrying communist, his notorious affiliation with known communists and communist organizations prove beyond a shadow of doubt, that he was, to all intents and purposes, himself a communist.

There is no doubt in my mind that Martin Luther King Jr. was a communist. The Federal Government knows he was a communist. The F.B.I. knows he was a communist. In the light of the facts at hand, proclaiming him a national hero is a travesty of humiliating degradation perpetrated against our real heroes, and an insult to the American People. It is time, way past time, that the officials in our government who are in a position to do so, to bring the truth about this man out into the open, and reveal him for what he really was; a traitor to his country and to his people.

The most diabolical aspect of the King 'myth', is that he posed as a man of God and covered himself with the respectability of the 'clergy', and led his people into a morass of sin, confusion, and revolution in the name of our Lord.

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheeps clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. (Matt. 7:15) -16- Ye shall know them by their fruits. — -17- Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit."

Anyone who says the fruits of Martin Luther King's campaign are any thing but evil deceives himself. I sincerely hope that all rational citizens will have the courage to speak out against a "National Martin Luther King Day".

"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread", and I realize that I have trod upon hallowed leftist ground; but it had to be done. — I did it, and I'm glad.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-3676) (C)

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Re WFO teletype 1/15/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM  
 dated and captioned as above.

The LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" to protect  
 sources of continuing value.

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 U. S. Secret Service, AUSA, NISO, OSI and 116th MIG, all  
 WDC.

The MPD was made aware on a continuing basis of  
 information concerning the WKHC which would help them for-  
 mulate plans for crowd control and assure adequate coverage  
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[REDACTED] advised that a meeting of the WKHC was held in Washington, D. C. (WDC), December 29, 1970, to formulate plans to celebrate January 15, 1971, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to make this day a national holiday. According to source, petitions from throughout the country were to be presented that date to Congress for this purpose.

The source stated that the WKHC was founded following a meeting December 17, 1970, in WDC, between the Honorable John Conyers, Jr., Democrat, First District, Michigan and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, at which time the formation of a 90 member citizen's committee was announced. The group includes seven United States Senators, sixteen Congressmen, the Presidents of the National Council of Churches, United Auto Workers, State, County and Municipal Employees Unions, and other representatives from government, labor, business, religion and the arts.

Source further advised that in furtherance of the purpose of the WKHC, Mayor Walter E. Washington and City Council Chairman Gilbert Hahn, Jr., had drafted plans for the observance of the birthday of Dr. King, Jr., and would hold suitable memorial services in front of the District Building, 14th and E Streets, N.W., WDC, on January 15, 1971.

Source stated that Willie J. Hardy, a well known black community leader, is Chairman of the WDC WKHC and in her capacity as Chairman formulated plans for city wide observances in honor of Dr. King. The following is a schedule of the major events listed for January 15, 1971:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Scheduled Event</u>
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast - Holy Redeemer Catholic

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Scheduled Event</u>
	Church; New Jersey and New York Avenues.
9:30 a.m.	Memorial Service - Steps of the District Building, 14th and E Streets, N.W., WDC.
11:15 a.m.	Dedication of Martin Luther King, Jr., Food Co-Op, North Capitol and H Streets, N.W., WDC.
11:30 a.m.	Memorial Service - Bibleway Church, 1130 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., WDC. Key Note Speaker - Dr. Ralph David Abernathy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.
1:15 p.m.	Changing the name of Nichols Avenue, S.E., to Martin Luther King Avenue, S.E.
2:00 p.m.	Pilgrimage to the Capitol from the Bible Way Church to present petitions to members of Congress.
6:00 p.m.	Parade from Florida Avenue, N.E., to K Street to H Street, N.E. (Parade Route - Starting Point: Trinidad Avenue, and Florida Avenue, N.E., west on Florida to K Street, West on K Street to 8th Street, South on 8th Street, to H Street, East on H Street, to 11th Street - Disband at Douglas Memorial Methodist Church, 11th and H Streets, N.E.)
7:00 p.m.	Memorial Service, Douglas Memorial Methodist Church, Reverend Walter E. Fauntroy, Principal Speaker.
8:00 p.m.	The Walton Singers - All Souls Unitarian Church, 16th and Harvard Streets, N.W.

Source advised that Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Mrs. Coretta Scott



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King would be present in WDC, on January 15, 1971, to participate in the march to the steps of the Capitol where the petitions gathered from all over the United States requesting that January 15th be declared a National holiday would be presented to members of Congress.

Source further advised on January 11, 1971, that a joint news conference featuring Mayor Walter Washington, representing the District of Columbia Government, Mrs. Willie J. Hardy and Clarence Bennett, Co-Chairmen of the WKHC was held at 2:30 p.m., that date, in the District Building to outline the events planned for the celebration of the 42nd Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Mayor Washington announced plans for city-wide and neighborhood ceremonies, religious services, meetings and other special events planned for January 15, 1971. The Mayor also advised that one of the city's major streets would be renamed Martin Luther King Avenue and that the renaming of the street would be marked by appropriate ceremonies. Mayor Washington announced that the necessary action to rename the street was being taken by the District of Columbia City Council with his full support.

Source stated the Mayor and City Council Chairman Gilbert Hahn, Jr., issued a joint proclamation urging citizens and organizations throughout the District to take part in memorial observances, and at the request of Chairman Hahn and the Mayor, the memorial activities in the District were planned and coordinated by Sterling Tucker, Vice Chairman of the Council and Julian Dugas, Director of the District of Columbia Department of Economic Development.

On January 15, 1971, Special Agents of the FBI observed the memorial service held in honor of the anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which was held on the steps of the District Building, 14th and E Streets, N.W., WDC.

The service which was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., did not commence until 9:50 a.m., at which time there were approximately three hundred people in attendance. The peak of the crowd, during the services, was estimated to be 4 or 5 hundred of which approximately 90 per cent were black.

Sterling Tucker, Vice Chairman of the D. C. City Council introduced the speakers among whom were Gilbert Hahn, Chairman of the City Council; J. C. Turner, WDC AFL-CIO executive and Mayor Walter E. Washington, who delivered the keynote

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address memorializing and eulogizing Dr. King.

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[REDACTED] after delivering a brief eulogy, Mayor Washington stated that just as Dr. King had a dream, so he, Mayor Washington, had some dreams for Washington, D. C. He advised he wanted WDC to become a place of opportunity for both black and white.....a place where little children could look to the sun.

Mayor Washington asked all to work in order to help make Dr. King's dream a reality and then stated that in this context it was important to him and altogether fitting that the new WDC Library being constructed on G Street between 8th and 9th Streets, N.W., be dedicated to and named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He remarked that this memorial of brick and mortar would live through the ages and educate young people and was therefore a fitting memorial to King's life. Mayor Washington concluded his address by stating he would leave the audience with the words of Dr. King:

"Don't tell them I was a Nobel Prize winner. Don't tell them that I was a great preacher in a great church. Don't remind them of what college I went to. Tell them that I was a man."

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[REDACTED] that the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Food Co-Op took place at 11:15 a.m., as scheduled and was attended by approximately 100 people. Source stated that the dedication ceremony was very brief and due to the cold weather, the crowd dispersed in an orderly manner as soon as the ceremony ended.

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who also attended the Memorial Service held at the Bible Way Church, 1130 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., WDC, advised that the service did not begin until approximately 12:15 p.m., and was attended by at least 2,500 persons. Source stated that the capacity of this church is normally 2,000 people, but folding chairs were set up at the rear of the church and along the isles, additional people were standing at the rear of the church and many people watched from a room in the undercroft of the church which was equipped with closed circuit television.

Source stated that Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was listed on the program as the Keynote Speaker but an announcement was

made that Dr. Abernathy had been detained in New York City because of a program being held there in memory of Dr. King and would be late arriving in WDC.

In Dr. Abernathy's absence, the Reverend Walter E. Fauntroy delivered the principal address. Source made available a taped recording of this address portions of which are set forth verbatim:

"I want to say a few words to memorialize this great man because Dr. King was a man who dreamed what many people thought were impossible dreams and yet he had a way of making them a reality.

"Let's travel back a few years to his first march on Washington, August 28, 1963, and I hear again his melodic voice saying 'I have a dream that someday this nation will rise up and live out the meaning of its creed, that we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal'.....And I hear the affirmative come thundering across this nation... 'That's not an impossible dream'. 'And I have a dream that someday the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will sit down together at the table of government in this country'.....And I hear the voices thundering back at Dr. King, 'It's an impossible dream'.... 'And I have a dream that someday the state of Mississippi....a state sweltering in the heat of racial injustice will be transformed into an oasis of peace and brotherhood', and I hear them say that Dr. King is an impossible dreamer.

"Martin Luther King, Jr., the man whose life we honor today, was not simply a dreamer of impossible dreams. He had a way of transforming what people thought was impossible into a living reality."

Reverend Fauntroy reminded those present that Dr. King really believed in his dream and that "it was religious people....people who believed in God who following Dr. King... Young people and old people, black people and white people, but they all had one thing in common.....they believed."

Reverend Fauntroy then recalled a speech Dr. King made in which he said: "We come in the name of God. You can knock us down but we will keep on marching. You can beat us with your billy clubs but we will keep on marching. You can turn your vicious dogs on us but we will keep on marching. You can bomb our churches on Sunday morning and kill our children but we will keep on marching, because we want you to know that

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as we keep on walking there is something within us so that fire cannot burn us, billy clubs can't beat us, dogs can't bite us and bullets can't shoot us'.

Continuing Reverend Fauntroy said, "If you are right, no one is too powerful. If you are right.....you may be poor sometimes; if you are right you may be misunderstood sometimes; but if we are right, God will sustain us".

Reverend Fauntroy then recalled the visit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to see former President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House in January, 1965. Reverend Fauntroy stated that "Johnson had been reelected by the largest majority of any President in this century and (Dr. King) told Johnson black people wanted a voting rights act which would protect black people in their right to register and vote across the South because we want the dignity and respect of our due. We want everybody across the South to know that we are somebody and we don't want to be gassed on the way to the polls and killed on the way back because we have the nerve to vote our convictions.

"President Johnson said, 'No, No, Dr. King. We can't do it. It would allienate the South. We have to wait for things to settle down. Dr. King said: "I'll see you later'."

Reverend Fauntroy recalled how Dr. King went to Alabama even though all of his advisors spoke out against it and warned him there would be trouble. But, Reverend Fauntroy said, "Dr. King believed his dream and after having received the Nobel Peace Prize and having gone to Europe and having been acknowledged as what the world in truth knows....that this black man was perhaps the most important man in the most important country in the most violent state in the history of mankind...after going to the mountain top and having the whole world recognize him...I hear him say 'I must go back. I must go back to Mississippi, back to Alabama, back to Georgia, until we have straightened out the problems that confront our people'."

Continuing, Reverend Fauntroy said: "And we went to Selma, and the Bill Clarks (reference to Sheriff) were so foolish as to whip a group of people led by Hosea Williams and this led people all around the country to ask the President to do something and by March 16, 1965, the same President who told us it could not be done in 1964 told the nation and the Congress of the United States, 'We shall overcome,' and signed the bill. Today there are over 4 million new black voters on the voting rolls of the South.

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In 1963, Senator Herman Talmadge (Democrat, Georgia) referred to us as 'niggers'. He said, 'we gotta keep the niggers in their place'...But come 1965, after the Voting Rights Act of 1965, now that 300,000 black voters had registered in Georgia, he was ready to say, 'well, I've got to get more concerned with the problems of the colored people'. When we had registered 500,000 new black voters in Georgia he was ready to say 'I am more concerned about the problems of my new brothers and sisters.' Between now and 1972, when we will have nearly 1 million new black voters on the books in the State of Georgia he will be heard to say, 'I am concerned about my black soul brothers'." Reverend Fauntroy cited the above as an illustration of how a dream can become a reality.

Reverend Fauntroy continued by stating: "When King died he died leaving many legacies. He died dreaming of a day when you in this nation would be willing to do for the poor and the black what you have always been willing to do for the white and the affluent in the tradition of brotherhood, and that is, provide them an economic floor of security.

"You know, we have a way in this country of referring to public money when it is given to poor people in general, and black people in particular, as somehow being public welfare. But when you give it to the affluent in general and to white people in particular, they call it something else.

"I would say to Dr. King, and we often joked about this, 'We have a way of believing in capitalism for the poor and socialism for the rich'. Reverend Fauntroy then spoke of how the white immigrant was given the Homestead Act to enable him to have free land. He said this was done because "we needed that labor and we needed that creative input to the growing nation...but although we were willing to do it for the white affluent, we did not do it for the black and the poor.

"After we got them out on the farms across the breadbasket of the nation, we found they were disenchanted. Some couldnt read, some could not write and some could not till the soil and so we said we must do something about this. Let us train them. But we won't call it public welfare. Let's call it a Land Grant College Act. And they trained them...trained them so well that by the time we got into this century we found that they were growing too much and so we said, 'you are working too hard farmers and therefore, we are going to pay you to cut the work. We are going to pay you not to work. But we won't call it public welfare. We'll call it the Soil Bank Program

whereby every year we give to the farmers of this country 3.5 million dollars not to work.

"We've got in this country farmers like a fellow name of Sam Eastland who receives \$171,000 a year not to work. And we go to the government and say we don't want to sit down, we want to work...give us a guaranteed minimum income...and Dr. King understood this. We spend millions of dollars to oil rich millionaires, of your tax money and my tax money...they don't call it public welfare...they call it the oil depletion allowance. And when we build suburbs around the country, they call it VA and FHA.

"Dr. King understood this and he said now is the time for the black and the poor...black people, white people, affluent people...the people who understand...to do for this country...do for its minorities what it has always been doing for its people of class. ...The American Indian, black people, Spanish people, Mexican Americans, the Puerto Ricans...we must come together to build a new Populist Movement to move this nation to do for its poor what it has always done for its rich. And then he got the idea of a Poor Peoples Campaign and a new dream of uniting forces to build around the problems of the masses.

Reverend Fauntroy then stated that the idea of a Poor Peoples Campaign frightened those who disliked Dr. King and they plotted how he could be destroyed and plotted to kill him and said, 'then let us see what shall become of his dream'."

Continuing, Reverend Fauntroy said: "Now they had good reasons for saying that because they knew that Dr. King was not just a prophet. He was a man. He not only dreamed the impossible dream but they remembered Selma and they remembered Birmingham; they remembered Montgomery and said, 'My goodness, if he said he's going to do it...you can't fool the man this time. No Problem. Kill him!'...And let us suppose that some prisoner somewhere on death row can bust out of jail and stalk King for a year and gun him down in cold blood...and somehow get out of the room and out of the building...and out of the city of Memphis without J. Edgar Hoover finding him...and somehow travel to the East Coast, past Washington and Philadelphia and New York City into Canada and somehow get on a plane and make it over to England. Let us suppose that that wild beast is caught and let 'Oscar' burn a few buildings and having burned buildings in some of the largest cities and having just burned a few banks too, what shall become of his dream'?

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"As we pause here, at this moment, to memorialize this man and his life, have we started to ask ourselves...what shall we do to make him live?...What now shall become of his dream? I thank God for a day and age when students of Howard University have thought about the goodness of God. When they can pay tribute to the American great that have brought us through everything...and they can be depended upon to lead us all. I thank God for this...and regard it as the flesh and blood in the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King...for the men and wives of the thousands of people who have assembled in this church on this Friday afternoon and made it Sunday with our worship. I thank God. And if you are true, be true to the heavenly vision which Martin Luther King got on the mountain top...and I know he got it when he said, 'Precious Lord, take my hand.'

" Dr. King died a troubled man. He was worried about that dream and the separation and the brutality that threatened to separate blacks and whites. He was worried about it. I know he must have been that night when he said, 'Lord, take my hand and lead me on'.

"He believed as he stood there on the mountain top that we would get there by and by, if enough people like you and me will go on together. I don't know about you but come what may, I'm going to work on the man's dream.

Reverend Fauntroy then said he would work to see the hungry fed, housed and clothed to see Dr. King's dream come true and that he would work until there was peace and power in this country. He closed his address by singing "The Impossible Dream".

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[REDACTED] advised that Mrs. Willie J. Hardy then thanked Reverend Fauntroy for his moving address and asked all present to keep working on Dr. King's dream everyday and make it come to pass. She then introduced Mr. Joseph Jackson, Lyricist President, Howard University Gospel Choir who recited a poem he composed entitled "Ode To The Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

Bishop Smallwood Williams, Pastor of the Bible Way Church was then introduced. He welcomed those present and then presented to the Reverend Walter Fauntroy a portrait of Dr. King which Bishop Williams had commissioned an artist to paint.

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Bishop Williams related that while visiting a local art gallery he saw two pictures, one of the late President John F. Kennedy and the other, a likeness of the the late Senator Robert Kennedy. Bishop Williams said he purchased these paintings and requested the art dealer to have a portrait painted of Dr. King since all three of these individuals had died at the hands of an assassin and all three died struggling to help the poor and the oppressed. Bishop Williams stated he hung the three pictures in his library as a constant reminder to him of the brotherhood and dignity of man but believed it fitting to present the portrait of Dr. King to a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), so that it could be hung in the King Memorial Library in Atlanta, Georgia.

The SCLC is a publicly identified civil rights organization headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, formerly headed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

[REDACTED] that after the benediction, which was given by Dr. Frank Reed, Pastor, Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, D. C., those present in the church departed and began to assemble for the march to the Capitol grounds which began at approximately 2:15 p.m., and was led by a mule drawn wagon bearing petitions requesting that January 15, be declared a legal holiday.

[REDACTED] the Reverend Ralph David Abernathy had not arrived when the line of march had formed and did not join the march until it neared the Capitol grounds at which time he was observed arriving by automobile. The line of march was stopped and Abernathy joined the front rank after which the marchers proceeded to the West front of the Capitol.

[REDACTED] at the West front of the Capitol, Abernathy gave a short address. Source made available a taped recording of this address portions of which are set forth verbatim:

"As the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and leader of the Poor Peoples Campaign, I sign this proclamation and declare this day the People's Holiday, and we are going to take this day as our holiday and we have come here today to testify and give Congress the opportunity to get in on the act.



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"I want to just take a good look at some of the national holidays we observe. The first one is New Year's Day. Now what does that mean? Does that mean anything but food and football? And does it mean another year of the beginning of poverty or does it mean living with rats and roaches in a hypocritical nation that talks about democracy and practices something else?

"The second holiday is the birthday of George Washington. Now who is George Washington? Some of you call him the Father of the Nation, but I call him a slave owner.

"And then we move on to Memorial Day, and on that day what do we do? We celebrate and commemorate those who were killed in the ungodly wars that America has participated in.

"And then we have Independence Day. Justice Douglas said a long time ago that Black people could not observe Independence Day because we do not have independence in this country...and now that we have obtained independence I would rather celebrate my independence on the birthday of Martin Luther King.

"And then we move on to Veteran's Day. That's another day when our super patriots jump up in their military regalia and put on their medals and parade through the streets trying to demonstrate the fact that this is the most militaristic nation to be found in the world.

"And then we move on to Thanksgiving Day. Now what is Thanksgiving Day? That's when the pilgrims found some turkeys on the happy hunting grounds and killed them and cooked them and ate them with their Indian brothers before the white man took the country from the Indians.

"And the newest of all these days is Christopher Columbus Day. They will celebrate it this year for the first time. Now what in the world is Christopher Columbus Day? All I know is that he sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in some dirty ships and once he got over here he discovered that the Indians had already discovered America.

"And the final day of the national legal holidays is Christmas...when we ought to be thinking of peace on earth and good will toward men. Yet, a capitalistic society has taught us to think about a fake known as Santa Claus and to spend all of our money on junk and get in debt and stay in

debt until the next Christmas. And then we are supposed to go about dreaming of a white Christmas. Well, we don't dream anymore...we live in reality and if we dreamed of Christmas at all it would be of a black Christmas. So it is time for us to have a decent holiday and we have our own holiday. We've come to Washington today to ask Congress and tell them that we want to give them an opportunity to get in on the act and if they do not observe every January 15, we are going to observe it as a people.

"I don't know about you, but we live in a critically sick nation and there are one or two things we have got to do for this country.

1)"We got to work to get this city together and we got to do all within our power to see to it that the Nixon, Agnew, Rankin administration is a one term administration. And we got to elect a young man or a young woman to office, whether they be 75 or any years of age, but they must think young and lead this young nation forward.

2) Then the second thing that we have to do, as black people...we must get together. Therefore, I'm calling a national conference of black leaders and I want it to go all the way from the Black Panthers to the Black people of the Church of Christ, Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists and Catholics. Don't you know that you have let them oppress the panthers? Man, they are going to suppress something else...if we let them get away with it. You are on that list."

The Black Panther Party is characterized in the appendix.

Dr. Abernathy then spoke of the indictment of the Berrigan brothers on a conspiracy charge and remarked that if they were conspirators then he was a conspirator, Reverend Fauntroy was a conspirator and Mayor Washington was a conspirator because everyone became a conspirator as soon as they stood up against the war machine in this militaristic society.

The Berrigan brothers have been publicly identified as Catholic Priests, active in the anti-war movement, who were recently indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with planning to blow up underground heating systems for government buildings in Washington, D. C. and to kidnap Henry A. Kissinger,

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President Nixon's national security advisor.

Continuing, Dr. Abernathy said: "If we memorialize Dr. King, we can't do it with sad tears. We can't do it with sadness in our hearts. If we really want to memorialize Dr. King we must complete his unfinished work.

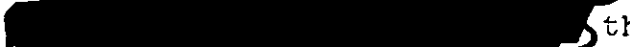
"If Dr. King could speak to us today...in fact he is speaking...I can hear his voice...and he is telling you to stop moaning here but to go to Galilee and find out what goes on in the world of men and tell them to get on the case. We must get together and we must do our thing and we must sock it to this nation.

"I've just picked up my petition and you pick up your petitions now and declare our legal holiday a national and regional holiday, but if Congress does not get in on the act, its our day and we are going to observe it just as the Irish observe St. Patrick's Day by tying up traffic in New York and letting it be known that there is such a thing as Irish power in this country.

"Just like the Confederates observe their day in the South and let you know there is such a thing as slave power, Black people are going to observe Martin Luther King's birthday along with white people of good will and let them know there is such a thing as Black power.

"Right on. This is our government. A government of the people by the people and for the people and if this is socialism then I am a socialist. If its communism that I'm a communist. But before you call me a communist call old George Washington...but whatever it is be assured I came to Washington to do my thing."

Reverend Fauntroy then announced that those present would present over three million petitions and Dr. Abernathy would lead the people by taking the petitions to the Senators and Congressman present.

 the people who joined in the march then gathered up petitions and walked up the steps of the West front of the Capitol where they were met by several Senators and Congressman who received their petitions including Senator Birch Bahy, Democrat, Indiana; Senator Adlai Stephenson, Democrat, Illinois; and Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Democrat, Michigan.

<sup>C</sup> [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] that the activities described above ended at 3:53 p.m., without incident.

[REDACTED] while the line of march was being formed for the march to the West front of the Capitol, Mayor Walter E. Washington and City Council Chairman Gilbert Hahn, Jr., departed by automobile and took part in the ceremonies which renamed Nichols Avenue, S.E., Martin Luther King Avenue.

<sup>C</sup> [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] that following a parade which began at Florida Avenue and K Street, N.E., at approximately 6:30 p.m., and ended at the Douglas Memorial Methodist Church, 11th and H Streets, N.E., at 7:00 p.m., a memorial service was held for Dr. King which was sponsored by the Near Northeast Community Improvement Corporation, a civic group which is located at 12th and H Streets, N.E.

<sup>C</sup> [REDACTED] the memorial address was given by the Reverend Walter Fauntroy and was the same address he had given earlier in the day at the Bible Way Church.

<sup>CA</sup> [REDACTED] and who attended the Memorial Service held at the Douglas Memorial Methodist Church, reported substantially the same information regarding Reverend Fauntroy's speech.

All of these sources advised that the service, which was attended by about 1,000 people ended at approximately 9:00 p.m. without incident.

None of the above sources saw Mrs. Coretta King at any of the functions held in WDC and the first source, mentioned above, advised on January 18, 1971, that Mrs. King had been unable to come to WDC because of memorial services and other activities in connection with Dr. King's birthday held in Atlanta, Georgia.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)  
also known as  
Black Panther Party for Self Defense

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According to the official newspaper of the BPP, the BPP was started during December 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY G. SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, GEORGE MURRAY. This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

DAVID HILLIARD, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said "We will kill Richard Nixon."

DAVID HILLIARD, in the "New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture EMORY DOUGLAS as follows:

"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is...by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces...are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U.S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP, and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the USA.

#### APPENDIX

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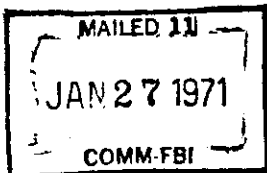
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter, with enclosures, was received on January 25th and I can readily understand the concern that prompted to write.

In reply to your inquiry, I am unable to furnish the evaluation you are seeking. Any decision to honor an individual through the declaration of a holiday is the responsibility of the appropriate authorities in the locality concerned and it would not be proper for me to comment on any such action.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
 Director,  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I have read your book, "Masters of Deceit", and W. Cleon Skousen's book, "The Naked Communist." The contents of these and other publications which I have recently read indicate to me that our country is in serious trouble.

The enclosed letter appeared in the local newspaper here recently (enclosure (1)). I think this letter could possibly be chalked up to ignorance due to the effects of poor education or false propaganda from those among us who sow discord and espouse foreign ideology. But, what about those who should be well-informed and highly concerned about the security of our nation promulgating to defense workers an invitation to observe the birthday of Martin Luther King (enclosure (2))? For those who are supposed to be a part of our own government to honor the memory of a subversive who, with his subversive cohorts, did so much to disrupt the tranquility of the nation and destroy good will among our people is, to me, incomprehensible.

I completed [redacted] years of honorable service in the U. S. Navy and expect to begin my [redacted] year in Civil Service here at the Charleston Naval Shipyard [redacted] When I read enclosures (3) and (4), herewith, in the local newspaper, it made me feel sick at my stomach and caused me to wonder how much longer we can last at this rate. I must tell you that I am seriously concerned about the current situation. It seems to me that it is absolutely essential that some corrective action be taken — and soon — if we are to survive as a civilized country.

What is the present Administration doing to improve morale and morals in our Armed Services and in our nation? What can I do?

Yours very truly,  
 [redacted]

17 JAN 25 1971

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## Dr. King's Birthday

To The News and Courier:

Should a person whose life influenced a great number of American people be forgotten? This is what usually happens. This must never happen to Martin Luther King Jr. Many calendars have marked his birthday, which is Jan. 15. The News and Courier would be making a grave mistake if this date was not noted. He should be mentioned like all the other important members of society.

He has the role of the ideal American man and his contributions should not be forgotten. When we wake up Friday, Jan. 15, it would be nice to pick up a paper and find somewhere a line that states, "Today is Martin Luther King's Birthday." Just a simple statement which will make others aware that his spirit stills lives in the lives of others.

(Miss) MARY HARRIS  
27 Tecumseh Ave.,  
Menriva Park.

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CNSYD NOTICE 5330

From: Commander, Charleston Naval Shipyard

Subj: Liberal Use of Annual Leave - 15 January 1971

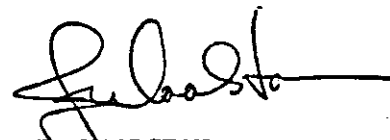
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1. Purpose. To promulgate information regarding the liberal granting of annual leave on 15 January 1971 in observation of the anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

2. Background. The Deputy Secretary of Defense issued the following memorandum on 12 January 1971: "The Secretary of Defense clearly stated in his year-ending press conference, December 28, 1970, that the Department of Defense will lead the way toward the achieving of equal opportunity and respect in our national community. I have found over the years that the way Americans become leaders is through hard work on today's job with today's tools; but it is equally true that hard and effective work is reenforced by those personal observances and dedications which reinvigorate the human spirit. Therefore, it is fully appropriate as a part of the Department's human goals program that a liberal leave policy be in effect for those individual members of the Defense Department for whom January 15, the anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has especially deep meaning and significance. You are requested to advise all your supervisors of this liberal leave policy. /S/ David Packard"

3. Action. By reference (a), the Secretary of the Navy requested that all supervisors be informed of this liberal annual leave policy. Therefore, all Departments/Offices will observe the policy of granting annual leave to interested employees for the observance of the anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., except that sufficient employees should be on duty to maintain essential operations and perform essential work.

  
J. WOOLSTON  
Acting

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# Americans Honor Memory Of King

By United Press International

With black power salutes outside Saigon and a mule train creaking through the streets of Washington where his oratory once shook the nation's conscience, Americans paused Friday to honor the memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the 42nd anniversary of his birth.

President Nixon issued a statement saying King would "remain as an inspiration to the nation long after his dream becomes a part of the reality of American life."

In cities and towns across the land, the day was observed

with rallies, marches, workshops and memorial church services for the civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner who was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, 1968.

Schools were closed in New York, Baltimore, St. Louis, Atlanta and the District of Columbia. Striking teachers in Chicago despite an agreement reached Friday, continued to picket over the school board's refusal to declare a King holiday in 1971.

The state Senate in King's native Georgia adopted a resolution recognizing him as a "dynamic man," but there was no official observance in Memphis, where King was slain. Memphis Mayor Henry Loeb had said that "we do not like to remind ourselves of something that has hurt the community so much."

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## Negro GIs Stage March In Saigon

SAIGON (UPI)—A group of about 40 U.S. Army soldiers chanting "Free Angela Davis" and "Stop Racial Discrimination in the Army" marched on American headquarters Friday—Martin Luther King's birthday—in the first such strong demonstration of black power by GIs in South Vietnam.

At the same time, several officers and enlisted men told UPI that a "black power movement" had touched off a brawl last Saturday night at the Tuy Hoa Army base in which 27 Americans were wounded by a grenade explosion.

Reports at the time of the riot at Tuy Hoa, 240 miles northeast of Saigon, had attributed the bloodshed to "interunit rivalry" within an infantry battalion which erupted at an enlisted men's club. These reports, now discredited, had said there was no racial animosity in the incident.

Meanwhile, four Negro soldiers remained in custody in connection with a shooting at the Quang Tri combat base in South Vietnam's far northern quarter a week ago in which one white U.S. Army major was killed and another was wounded.

The Quang Tri incident was blamed on an argument between the officers and a group of blacks when the officers complained that the Negroes were playing a stereo phonograph at full volume and creating a disturbance.

The black power march in

Saigon Friday began at the Newport military dock facility on the east side of town, led by a group of 20 Negroes clad in Army fatigues and carrying a sign that read "Honor Dr. Martin Luther King," a tricolored black power flag and a three-foot wooden cross.

The demonstrators hitchhiked along the 10-mile route to Long Binh, site of U.S. Army Headquarters and the Long Binh jail, which houses delinquent GIs. It is known among troops as the "LBJ."

The blacks were joined by about 20 more Negroes from among men stationed at Long Binh, and the group arrived at the headquarters building about 1:30 p.m.

The demonstrators stood in front of the building for about a

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half an hour, chanting slogans.

U.S. Army spokesmen said the demonstration was peaceful throughout and apparently organized in honor of King, the Negro civil rights leader who was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

The spokesmen said there was no question of arresting, or even identifying, the participants in the demonstration.

Official directives had authorized observances by GIs Friday in honor of King, and the demonstrators said they considered the march as a memorial for him.

ENCLOSURE (4)

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January 27, 1971

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Honorable Herbert J. Denton, Jr.  
Route 4  
Blountville, Tennessee 37617

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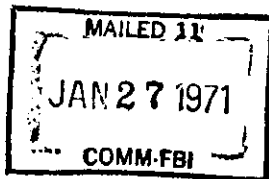
Dear Mr. Denton:

In reply to your letter of January 18th,  
at a press conference on November 18, 1964, I stated  
that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in  
the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted  
the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil  
rights investigations in the south.

I cannot elaborate on this matter because  
of regulations of the Department of Justice pertaining to  
the confidential nature of data contained in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of Representative Denton. The  
Director's comments calling King a liar were made at his Press  
Conference in November, 1964.

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HERBERT J. DENTON, JR.  
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SULLIVAN COUNTY  
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BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE 37617

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MEMBER OF COMMITTEES  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of the FBI  
Penn. Ave. & 9th  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir;

You have been attributed with many statements concerning Martin Luther King. If possible, I would like to have some first hand information on Rev. King that you have used in statements and talks indicating your opinion of Rev. King.

Thank you,

*Herbert J. Denton, Jr.*  
Herbert J. Denton, Jr.

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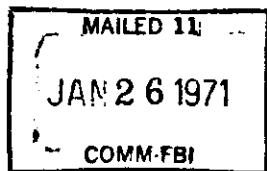
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of January 19th and, with respect to your comments, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

In reply to your inquiry, I am unable to furnish the evaluation you are seeking. Any decision to honor an individual through the declaration of a holiday is the responsibility of the appropriate authorities in the locality concerned and it would not be proper for me to comment on any such action.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Hon J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

[REDACTED] b7C  
Seattle, Wn. 98155  
Jan. 19, 1971

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Writing as a very concerned and conscientious citizen, I am wondering if you could please tell me (or the public) if Martin Luther King is worthy of all this praise he has been receiving, and now even to the point of closing schools to celebrate his birthday! Perhaps I am wrong, and I want to know it if I am, but I have read various articles most of the big papers seldom print, saying King met Communist leaders at various airports to map his strategy, and the F.B.I. knew it, and that he was involved in a stolen car ring between several states, etc. etc. Also I've read where his morals were questionable at times, and I want to know if all of his faithful followers are just plain brainwashed like I think they are. And if so, city councils, school boards, and politicians and churches must be awakened to the truth, and the Blacks can pick a new "idol" - perhaps George Washington Carver.

(I believe what I've read, Mr. Hoover, or publications would have been sued for slander - the editors surely know this.)

Anxiously waiting to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am

Sincerely,

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Seattle, Wn. 98155  
Jan. 17, 1971

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MARTIN LUTHER KING

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Anxiously waiting to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am

Sincerely,

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-4069) (C)

SUBJECT: MEMORIAL CANDLELIGHT MARCH  
FOR REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
AT TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA  
JANUARY 15, 1971  
RM

Re Mobile nitel to Bureau, 1/13/71.

b7(D) [REDACTED] advised that a Memorial Candlelight March and Service was held at Tuskegee, Ala., on the evening of 1/15/71 in memory of the late Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Approximately 160 individuals marched in an orderly fashion to the City Square at Tuskegee where a number of short talks were made in memory of Reverend KING and a few songs were sung. Among those speaking were JAMES HOPKINS, Circuit Clerk of Macon County, Alabama; Reverend S. T. MARTIN, Mt. Olive Baptist Church; and Mr. FRANK TOLAND, member of the Tuskegee City Council and instructor at Tuskegee Institute. Throughout the service lasting approximately 45 minutes, the crowd was subdued and orderly. There were no incidents of violence.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Observing the march were representatives of the b7(c) Alabama Dept. of Public Safety, Tuskegee City Police Officers, Macon County Sheriff's Deputies, and SA [REDACTED] Mobile FBI Office. No LHM being submitted unless requested by Bureau.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(January 20, 1971)

Mr. H.

Your malicious post mortem attacks on Dr. M. L. King is a measure of your character. It is quite likely that you were involved in the plot to assassinate him.

Your rigged "abduction" case is another sample. Freedom and democracy are myths as long as spiteful tyrannical Gov't agents are free to abuse their power as you do.

.b7(c) [REDACTED]  
(Postmarked Ann Arbor, Michigan)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan *Ma*

DATE: 1/18/71

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Scatterday
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Callahan

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[REDACTED], General Investigative Division, advised this date as follows:

[REDACTED] His wife [REDACTED] told him [REDACTED] that the Prince Georges County Board of Education had previously circulated a memo to each school in the county advising them to hold a short program to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr., on 1/15.

[REDACTED] also advised that a rumor had reached his wife's school Friday afternoon that an FBI Agent had visited Applegrove Elementary School, 7400 Bellfield Avenue, Oxon Hill, Maryland, and demanded that his child, a student at Applegrove, not be made to participate in any program for King. It was further rumored that the Agent stated he was involved in the investigation of King, prior to King's death, and his child would not take part in anything honoring a man of such low morals.

This information is strictly rumor and there is no information as to the identity of the Agent or the name of the child.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be forwarded to the Administrative Division for any action deemed necessary.

*Jan*  
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Date: 1/15/71

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM:Q SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-NEW)(C)

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION IN HONOR OF THE  
BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING  
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM concerning captioned demonstration [REDACTED] who is the confidential source mentioned in the attached LHM was present and advised that the demonstration was not connected with the NCCF or the BPP, but in connection with the commemoration of MARTIN LUTHER KING's birthday.

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Copy of LHM is also being submitted to MIG, Secret Service, and NISO.

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BY: *[Signature]*Approved: *[Signature]*

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
January 16, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

DEMONSTRATION IN HONOR OF THE  
BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

At approximately 1:30 PM on January 15, 1970, approximately 150 male and female individuals of the age group of 15 to 25, appeared at the Orleans Parish Prison-Criminal Court Building at Tulane and Broad Streets.

They demonstrated for approximately 45 minutes and carried signs which denoted "Black Power" and "All Power to the People." They dispersed at approximately 2:15 PM and no incidents were reported.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) advised that the purpose of the demonstration was to commemorate the birthday of MARTIN LUTHER KING and that the demonstrators were not members of the National Committee to Combat Facism or the Black Panther Party. A characterization of the Black Panther Party is attached hereto.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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**BLACK PANTHER PARTY,  
Also known as  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
FOR SELF-DEFENSE**

According to the official newspaper of the Black Panther Party (BPP), the BPP was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby G. Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education George Murray. This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

Davis Hilliard, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said, "We will kill Richard Nixon."

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David Hilliard in "The New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows:

"We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture, Emory Douglas, as follows:

"The only way to make this racist U.S. government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is.....by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces... ..are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U.S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the USA.

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January 21, 1971

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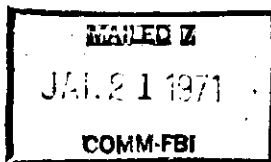
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of January 15th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your kind remarks concerning my work. Your support is most encouraging and means a great deal to me.

In reply to your inquiry, I am unable to furnish the evaluation you are seeking. Any decision to honor an individual through the declaration of a holiday is the responsibility of the appropriate authorities in the locality concerned and it would not be proper for me to comment on any such action.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Mr. Hoover --

I doubt if this letter "makes it through the opening of it." However, thanks to you, your men, our service men, and many real Americans like yourself, I can write you even if it is never answered.

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[REDACTED] born and reared in Georgia. Educated at the University of Georgia, served with the Seabees in the South Pacific during WWII. I consider myself as liberal and/or conservative as our Senator Richard Russell. I write you this information regarding myself because I am enclosing an editorial from The Atlanta Constitution concerning Martin Luther King, Jr. Sir, I ask you this question: Do you consider Martin Luther King, Jr., the type of person whom we should honor? The Atlanta, Ga. public schools were closed today, being declared a holiday by Mayor Massell. This holiday is to be made up by pupils attending school on Memorial Day, the day honoring our war dead of our nation. To me, this is an all time low! Do you think Martin Luther King, Jr. is due this sort of honor? Do you think he was a man of "dedicated action" as a real American?

Sincerely,

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# THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION

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PAGE 4A, FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1971

## Pilot to the Future

Few are the men in any century who may be said to have put history on a new course. Those who do so live either in fame or infamy. These pilots toward the future may be rulers or generals or other men of action; they may be men of science or ideas; or they may be men who simply have a dream.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a



man who might have lived out a worthwhile but obscure life as a minister in Alabama. But he had a dream and one day man and events met. The history of this country began to change. The American dream was broadened and enriched by Martin Luther King's dream.

The change in our nation's racial attitudes, still progressing, was no doubt inevitable — but this does not alter the fact that one man's powerful personality and dedicated action hurried America on to something better. He gave his life for that dream and it is right that today we honor his memory.

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[REDACTED]  
Richmond, Indiana 47374

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received the messages of birthday greetings from you and your husband and very much appreciate your thoughtfulness. Your kind remarks regarding my administration of the FBI mean a great deal to me.

In reply to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of the Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: Bufiles reflect limited cordial correspondence with [REDACTED]

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Jan. 6, 1971

Richmond, Ind.

J. Edgar Hoover  
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Dear Sir:

This greeting may be a little late, but want you to know it is sincerely meant to express our great admiration and respect and wishes. We feel you are one of the very few men in history who deserve to be honored as a man of great character and dedication to his office and country. May the Lord Bless You Always and welcome you with loving arms in Eternity! I'm not sure you will be able to help me but I would like some fact concerning Martin Luther King's association with Communists and Communism. I have had literature concerned with this man from reliable Anti-Communism sources but not sure whether I have kept them. The reason for my concern is that I'm quite sick of hearing his name mentioned from our pulpit as a great saviour of his people. Our denomination has been infiltrated-there is no doubt about that as they continue to support the N.C.C. and W.C.C. and publish advertising of books about M. L. K. and J. K. as great Americans in the weekly publication "The Christian." Also-their Sunday School literature gives much stress to honoring such people as these and saying that Mr. Oppenheimer was a great man whose reputation was smeared. I heard a judge from Fla. at our State Convention of Disciple of Christ Churches state that he had joined the N.C.C. purposely to see if the charges were true that they had been infiltrated. And I quote his exact statement as such "I have not met one person in the N.C.C."

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Yours in Christian Fellowship

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b7(c) Richmond, Indiana 47374

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*"In all thy ways acknowledge him,  
and he shall direct thy paths."*

-PROVERBS 3:6

*"In a small proportion we  
Just beauties see;  
And in short measures life  
may perfect be."*

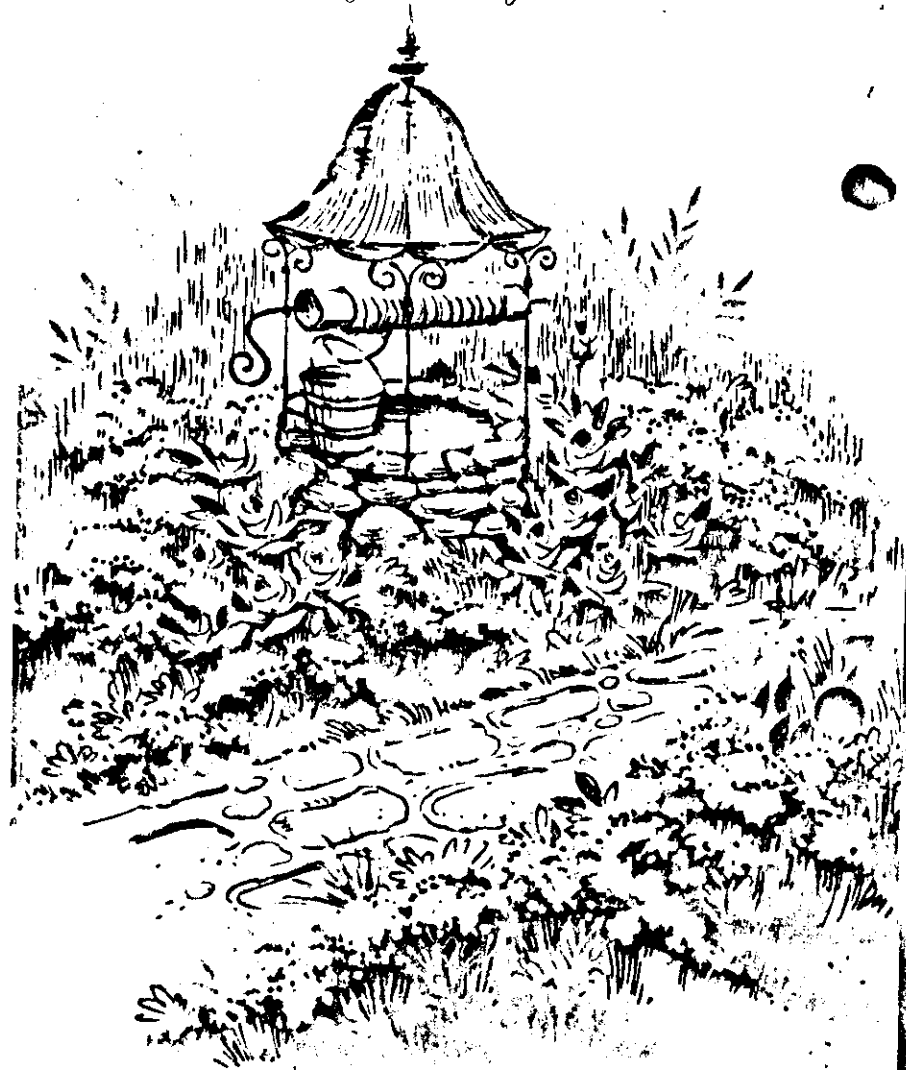
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*With very best wishes  
for a happy birthday  
a happy year  
and all the best  
always!  
Sincerely -*

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Many Happy Returns



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TO DIRECTOR, (ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (157-3676)

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE (WKHC), RACIAL MATTERS.

ON JANUARY FIFTEENTH INSTANT, SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE  
FBI OBSERVED THE MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD IN HONOR OF THE  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HELD ON  
THE STEPS OF THE DISTRICT BUILDING, FOURTEENTH AND E STREETS,  
N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC).

THE MC KINLEY HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND THE BEGINNING OF THE  
CROWD BEGAN TO ASSEMBLE AT NINE TWENTY A.M.; HOWEVER, SERVICE  
WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NINE THIRTY A.M., DID NOT  
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Noted & Informed by White House  
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Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
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STERLING TUCKER, VICE CHAIRMAN, D.C. CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCED THE SPEAKERS AMONG WHOM WERE GILBERT HAHN, CHAIRMAN, D.C. CITY COUNCIL, J.C. TURNER, WDC AFL DASH CIO, AND MAYOR WALTER E. WASHINGTON, WHO DELIVERED KEYNOTE ADDRESS MEMORALIZING AND EULOGIZING DR. KING. AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE THAT THE NEW D.C. PUBLIC LIBRARY BEING CONSTRUCTED ON G STREET, N.W., BETWEEN EIGHTH AND NINTH STREETS, WILL BE NAMED THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

CROWD DESCRIBED AS ATTENTIVE, RESPECTFUL AND ORDERLY AT ALL TIMES.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED ON JANUARY FIFTEEN INSTANT, THAT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD AT THE BIBLE WAY CHURCH, ELEVEN THIRTY NEW JERSEY AVENUE, N.W., WDC, DID NOT BEGIN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FIFTEEN P.M.

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WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY

Committee

MRS. WILLIE HARDY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WDC WKHC, ANNOUNCED THAT REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY HAD BEEN DETAINED IN NEW YORK CITY IN CONNECTION WITH PROGRAMS FOR DR. KING BEING HELD IN THAT CITY BUT WAS EXPECTED LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. MRS. HARDY INTRODUCED MAYOR WASHINGTON AND BISHOP SMALLWOOD WILLIAMS, PASTOR OF THE BIBLE WAY CHURCH, BOTH OF WHOM EULOGIZED DR. KING. D.C.

SOURCE ESTIMATED THE CROWD AT THE CHURCH AS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH BUT STATED DESPITE ITS SIZE AND THE FACT SOME FIVE HUNDRED COULD NOT BE ACCOMMODATED INSIDE THE CHURCH, THE CROWD WAS VERY ORDERLY.

SOURCE STATED CHURCH SERVICE WHICH TERMINATED AT ONE THIRTY P. M., OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER, WAS FOLLOWED BY A MARCH TO THE CAPITOL GROUNDS.

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THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE IN THE MARCH WHICH DEPARTED THE BIBLE WAY CHURCH AT TWO EIGHTEEN P. M. LED BY ONE WAGON DRAWN BY MULES. SOURCE STATED PETITIONS FROM THE WKHC WERE RECEIVED AT WEST FRONT OF CAPITOL BY <sup>Senator</sup> ~~CONGRESSMAN~~ ADLAI STEPHENSON, DEMOCRAT, ILLINOIS. THE PROGRAM ENDED AT THREE FIFTY THREE P. M. WITHOUT INCIDENT. ALL SOURCES ADVISED MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WAS NOT OBSERVED AT ANY OF THE FUNCTIONS HELD IN WDC THIS DATE.

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WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ReWFO teletype, 1/11/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an  
LHM dated and captioned as above.

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\_\_\_\_\_ confidential source referred to in the LHM

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The LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" to protect  
sources of continuing value.

The LHM is being disseminated locally to the  
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[REDACTED] cognizant of information  
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[REDACTED] source will continue to furnish pertinent  
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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED], that an application for a parade permit as well as an application for the use of a mobile sound unit dated December 31, 1970, had been submitted to the Government of the District of Columbia and the Metropolitan Police Department by David A. Clarke, Attorney and Acting Director of the District of Columbia Bureau of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. b7C

In this application, according to source, Mr. Clarke, indicated the march would start at 1:30 p.m., January 15, 1971, from the Bible Way Church, 1130 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., and proceed south on New Jersey Avenue, N.W., across Constitution Avenue, N.W., to the driveway paralleling Constitution Avenue, N.W., around the north side of the United States Capitol Building where the paraders will congregate while a small delegation of 10 to 20 representatives of the group mount the central steps of the East front of the United States Capitol Building, meet a group of United States Senators and Representative and present petitions demanding the declaration of January 15, as a national holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Source advised that stationary sound equipment will be used at the Bible Way Church and in front of the East front of the Capitol Building.

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Source advised it was believed the above program would end by 5:00 p.m., at which time it is anticipated both the petitioners and the legislators will have concluded their public statements.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] b7(D)  
that a joint news conference featuring Mayor Walter Washington, representing the District of Columbia Government, and Mrs. Willie J. Hardy and Clarence Bennett, Co-Chairmen of the WKHC was held at 2:30 p.m., in the District Building to outline the events planned for the celebration of the 42nd Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on January 15, 1971. MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON KING  
WASH. DC. HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

Mayor Washington announced plans for city-wide and neighborhood ceremonies, religious services, meetings and other special events planned for that date. The Mayor also advised that one of the city's major streets would be renamed Martin Luther King Avenue and that the renaming of the street would be marked by appropriate ceremonies. Mayor Washington announced that the necessary action required to rename the street was being taken by the District of Columbia City Council with his full support.

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Source stated that the Mayor and City Council Chairman Gilbert Hahn, Jr., issued a joint proclamation urging citizens and organizations throughout the District to take part in memorial observances, and that at the request of Chairman Hahn and the Mayor, the observance activities in the District are being planned and coordinated by Sterling Tucker, Vice Chairman of the Council and Julian Dugas, Director of the District of Columbia

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Department of Economic Development.

A copy of the news release prepared by the Public Affairs Office of the District of Columbia Government is attached hereto.

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# news release

District Building, Room 528

629-2577 -2706

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE AT 2:30 P.M. January 11, 1971

The District of Columbia will observe the birthday of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Friday with city-wide and neighborhood ceremonies, religious services, meetings, and a wide range of other special events, Mayor Walter E. Washington and City Council Chairman Gilbert Hahn, Jr., announced today.

Coordinated plans for the celebration of the 42nd anniversary of Dr. King's birth were outlined at a news conference by city officials, citizen spokesmen and representatives of the business community.

The reports at the news conference included an announcement that one of the city's major streets will be renamed Martin Luther King Avenue. This action, which will be marked by a street ceremony Friday, is being taken by the City Council with the support of Mayor Washington.

The city government will conduct a program at 9:30 a.m. Friday on the steps of the District Building.

City government workers are being encouraged to take part in the observances under a liberal leave policy ordered by Mayor Washington. The Mayor and City Council Chairman Hahn also issued a joint proclamation urging citizens and organizations to take part in memorial observances.

A principal focus of the community observances will be activities in support of a drive to honor Dr. King by marking his birthday with a national holiday. This phase will include afternoon

interdenominational religious services at Bible Way Church, 1130 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., followed by a <sup>procession to the Capitol</sup> march to present petitions at the Capitol calling for this holiday.

Another highlight of the activities Friday will be the official opening of the Martin Luther King Co-Op Food Store, at North Capitol and H Streets.

The proposal that Congress designate a national holiday in honor of the civil rights leader has the support of the Mayor and the Council. In addition, the city last October sent to Congress a proposed bill that would call for a holiday in the community to observe Dr. King's birthday.

All Recreation Department centers will be open Friday, and special programs have been scheduled throughout the city in honor of Dr. King. These programs are being coordinated with citizen activities sponsored by the Neighborhood Planning Councils.

At the request of Chairman Hahn and the Mayor, the observance activities are being planned and coordinated by Sterling Tucker, Vice Chairman of the Council, and Julian Dugas, director of the Department of Economic Development.



The activities of the citizens working for the holiday legislation were discussed at today's news conference by Mrs. Willie Hardy and Clarence Bennett, leaders of the Washington Committee for the Martin Luther King National Holiday.

Representing the Retail Bureau of the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade was George T. Joint, president of Lansburgh's Department Store.

The city's observance in honor of Dr. King will start officially with the 9:30 a.m. ceremony in front of the District Building. The program of talks and music will last about one hour. The Mayor, Council members and representatives of the religious, civic and business communities will take part.

The ceremony marking the official opening of the Martin Luther King Co-op Food Store will be held at 11:15 a.m. The community store is opening with the financial help of the Metropolitan Washington Urban Coalition.

The services at Bible Way Church will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At 1:15 p.m., city officials will hold the ceremony to mark the renaming of a street as Martin Luther King Avenue. The march to the Capitol from Bible Way Church will start at 2 p.m. The petitions calling for enactment of legislation setting aside the national holiday in honor of Dr. King will be presented to a group of congressmen on the East Front steps of the Capitol.

The Board of Education has directed that the public schools be closed Friday in observance of Dr. King's birthday.

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5:30 PM NITEL 1/14/71 MLG

TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSONVILLE (157-NEW)

RALLIES AND POSSIBLE MARCH TO COMMEMORATE BIRTHDAY OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA; RM; IS DASH SMC; RACIN; STAG.

SOURCES ONE AND TWO WHO HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON JANUARY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE.

STUDENT GROUPS AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY (FSU), TALLAHASSEE, FLA., ARE SPONSORING EVENTS ON JANUARY FIFTEEN, SEVENTYONE TO COMMEMORATE THE BIRTHDAY OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING AND HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL USE THE OCCASION TO SHOW OBJECTION TO THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND ALLEGED RACIAL OPPRESSION. A RALLY WILL BE HELD AT MOORE AUDITORIUM, FSU, AT FOUR P.M. AND THE GROUP WILL THEN EITHER MARCH OR TRAVEL BY OTHER MEANS TO THE CORNER OF MACOMB AND VIRGINIA STREETS, TALLAHASSEE, WHERE ANOTHER BRIEF RALLY WILL BE HELD.

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SPEAKERS HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BUT WILL BE LOCAL BLACK LEADERS, IF POSSIBLE, OR ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK. PRINCIPAL SPONSORING GROUPS ARE THE FSU STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE, WHITE ANTI-WAR GROUP, AND BLACK STUDENT UNION, FSU BLACK STUDENT GROUP.

SOURCE NUMBER THREE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF THE BLACK STUDENT PARTY AND MALCOLM X UNITED LIBERATION FRONT, LOCAL MILITANT BLACK STUDENT GROUPS, WILL PROBABLY PARTICIPATE.

ABOVE SOURCES ADVISED THAT THE EVENTS ARE POORLY PLANNED AND THEY EXPECT LIMITED RESPONSE FROM STUDENTS OR LOCAL NEGROES. THE EVENTS ARE TO BE STRICTLY NON-VIOLENT AND NO INCIDENTS EXPECTED.

LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, TALLAHASSEE, ADVISED. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND SECRET SERVICE, JACKSONVILLE, BEING ADVISED.

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NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED. JACKSONVILLE WILL FOLLOW AND ADVISE.  
SOURCE NUMBER ONE [REDACTED], NUMBER TWO [REDACTED]

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1-15-71

Attached relates demonstrations conducted on 1-15-71, in honor of the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr., Following services at a church which was attended by about 2,500 people, group marched to the Capitol where they presented petitions. These petitions were received by Senator Adlai Stevenson (D-Illinois).

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FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (157-3676)

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WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE (WKKHC), RACIAL MATTERS

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Mr. Mohr	_____
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b7(D) [REDACTED] A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO  
HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, AND WHO  
ATTENDED THE MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD AT THE BIBLE WAY CHURCH,  
ELEVEN THIRTY NEW JERSEY AVENUE, N.W., WDC, ADVISED SERVICES  
BEGAN AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FIFTEEN P.M. SOURCE ESTIMATED

b7(D) TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE ATTENDED [REDACTED]  
CAPACITY OF CHURCH TWO THOUSAND AND FOLDING CHAIRS HAD BEEN PUT  
UP. IN ADDITION PEOPLE WERE STANDING AT REAR OF CHURCH AND  
ADDITIONAL PEOPLE WATCHED FROM ROOM IN UNDERCROFT OF CHURCH  
WHICH WAS EQUIPPED WITH CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT IN ADDITION TO MAYOR WALTER E. WASHINGTON  
AND BISHOP SMALLWOOD WILLIAMS, PASTOR OF THE CHURCH, THE  
REVEREND WALTER FAUNTROY ALSO SPOKE IN PLACE OF REVEREND

RALPH ABERNATHY WHO WAS DETAINED IN NEW YORK AS RESULT OF  
PROGRAM IN MEMORY OF DOCTOR KING CONDUCTED IN THAT CITY.

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SOURCE STATED REVEREND FAUNTROY ALSO SANG "THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM". CHORAL MUSIC WAS FURNISHED BY THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY CHOIR.

SOURCE STATED MARCH TO CAPITOL BEGAN APPROXIMATELY TWO FIFTEEN P.M., LED BY MULE DRAWN WAGON BEARING PETITIONS REQUESTING JANUARY FIFTEEN BE DECLARED A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY ARRIVED BY AUTOMOBILE JUST AS MARCHERS APPROACHED CAPITOL GROUNDS. AT THE WEST FRONT OF THE CAPITOL HE MADE A SHORT SPEECH EULOGIZING DR. KING AND NAMING EACH LEGAL HOLIDAY NOW OBSERVED IN A DEROGATORY MANNER STATING THESE HOLIDAYS WERE NOT RELEVANT TO BLACK PEOPLE. HE STATED BLACK PEOPLE WOULD TAKE JANUARY FIFTEENTH AS LEGAL HOLIDAY REGARDLESS OF ACTION OF CONGRESS.

ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, PETITIONS WERE RECEIVED BY SENATOR BIRCH BAHY, DEMOCRAT, INDIANA AND SENATOR ADLAI STEPHENSON, DEMOCRAT, ILLINOIS AS WELL AS SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN.

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SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE DOUGLAS MEMORIAL CHURCH, ELEVENTH AND H STREETS, N.E., BEGAN AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN THIRTY PM, WITH EIGHT HUNDRED TO ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE PRESENT.

*P.C.* THE REVEREND JOSHUA HUTCHINS, PASTOR OF DOUGLAS MEMORIAL CHURCH GAVE THE INVOCATION. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY SHORT SPEECHES PRAISING DR. KING BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC), A NORTHEAST WASHINGTON, D.C., CIVIC ORGANIZATION. THE REVEREND GEORGE BOYD OF ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, ELEVEN ZERO FIVE FIFTIETH STREET, N.E., LED A PRAYER FOR DR. KING AND THE REVEREND WALTER FAUNTROY DELIVERED THE MEMORIAL ADDRESS WHICH ACCORDING TO SOURCE WAS PRACTICALLY THE SAME SPEECH REVEREND FAUNTROY DELIVERED EARLIER IN THE DAY AT THE BIBLE WAY CHURCH.

b7(1) [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ALSO ATTENDED THE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE DOUGLAS MEMORIAL CHURCH AND FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE  
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SAME INFORMATION SET OUT ABOVE.

BOTH SOURCES ADVISED THE SERVICE ENDED AT APPROXIMATELY  
NINE P.M., WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1-15-71

Attached relates demonstration in honor of the birthday of Martin Luther King was conducted in Baltimore, Maryland, on 1-15-71 and at the State House in Annapolis, Maryland, where the groups showed a petition asking that King's birthday be made a holiday. There were no incidents.

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RALLY AND MARCH COMMEMORATING THE BIRTH OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR. BALTIMORE, MARYLAND ONE FIFTEEN SEVENTYONE. RM.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AT ABOUT TEN AM THIS DATE A SMALL GROUP OF STUDENTS BEGAN PASSING OUT LEAFLETS AT ST. AUGUSTINES LUTHERAN CHURCH GOUGH AND BROADWAY BALTIMORE MARYLAND. AT TWELVE NOON ABOUT NINETY PEOPLE, NEGRO AND WHITE, CONSISTING OF ABOUT NINETY PERCENT JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS AND TEN PERCENT ADULTS ASSEMBLED AT HOPKINS PLAZA AND HELD A PEACEFUL RALLY WHERE IN SEVERAL PEOPLE GAVE BRIEF SPEECHES AND RECITED POETRY. THREE BUSES FROM THE PARKER BUS SERVICE WERE UTILIZED FOR TRANSPORTATION AND AS THE BOARDING BEGAN, AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER ANNOUNCED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE "MARCH" TO ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND WAS TO "RAISE HELL WITH GOVERNOR MANDEL" REGARDING THE MARYLAND STATE BUDGET. ONE BUS DEPARTED FOR ANNAPOLIS AT TWELVE FIFTYFIVE PM AND THE OTHER TWO DEPARTED AT ONE PM. NO ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED  
THAT AT ABOUT TWO PM THREE BUSES ARRIVED AT THE GOVERNORS MANSION  
AND PRESENTED A GOVERNORS AIDE WITH A PETITION. CONTENTS  
WERE UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED] NO ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS OCCURRED. b7(D)

HE STATED FURTHER THAT ABOUT THREE THIRTY PM A GROUP OF ABOUT  
SIXTY PEOPLE EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED WITH REFERENCE TO RACE AND SEX, GATHERED

ON CONSTITUTION AVENUE ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND AND PEACEFULLY MARCHED  
TO THE GOVERNORS MANSION. THIS GROUP PRESENTED AN AIDE  
WITH A PETITION TO MAKE KINGS BIRTHDAY A HOLIDAY. NO ARRESTS  
OR INCIDENTS OCCURRED.

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE BALTIMORE IS NOT CONDUCTING ANY FURTHER  
INVESTIGATION AT THIS TIME AND NO LHM IS BEING SUBMITTED. C.

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10:04 PM NITEL 1/15/71 ALH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSONVILLE (157-2271) (C)

MARCH TO COMMEMORATE BIRTHDAY OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, RACIAL  
MATTERS.

ON JANUARY TWELVE, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT A PARADE PERMIT  
WAS GRANTED THIS DATE. MARCH TO BE HELD FROM CYPRESS STREET  
RECREATION CENTER TO CITY HALL STARTING AT TWO P.M. WHERE A PETI-  
TION TO BE PRESENTED TO MAYOR TO DECLARE JANUARY FIFTEEN A  
HOLIDAY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER  
KING. PARADE TO BE LED BY LOCAL MINISTERS.

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PARADE HELD AS PLANNED ON JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, LED BY REVEREND BERNARD LEE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND LOCAL MINISTERS. PETITION PRESENTED TO MAYOR. ESTIMATED FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS, PREDOMINANTLY BLACK, IN PARADE WHEN IT REACHED CITY HALL. MARCHERS THEREAFTER MARCHED BACK TO SECOND AVENUE AND CAMPBELL STREET WHEN MARCH DISBANDED. MARCH VERY ORDERLY AND NO INCIDENTS AROSE.

USA, SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, ALL JACKSONVILLE, ADVISED.

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NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1-14-71

Attached relates plans by the Washington King Holiday Committee to commemorate the birthday of Martin Luther King in Washington on 1-15-71. Group plans to start off with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and end at 8:00 p.m. at the Walton Singer All Souls Unitarian Church. Mrs. Coretta King reportedly will also participate. 5,000 to 6,000 persons are expected to attend.

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TO DIRECTOR, (ATTENTION: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)  
ATLANTA

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (157-3676)

*MARTIN LUTHER KING*

WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE (WKHC), RACIAL MATTERS.

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ADVISED

THAT A PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY FIFTEEN, NEXT,  
COMMEMORATING THE BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HAS  
BEEN SET UP AS FOLLOWS:

EIGHT AM, BREAKFAST, HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK AVENUES, N.W.; NINE THIRTY AM, MEMORIAL  
SERVICE, STEPS OF DISTRICT BUILDING; ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM,  
DEDICATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., FOOD CO-OP, NORTH  
CAPITOL AND H STREETS, N.E.; ELEVEN THIRTY AM, MEMORIAL  
SERVICES, BIBLE WAY CHURCH, ELEVEN THIRTY NEW JERSEY AVENUE,  
N.W.; TWO PM, PILGRIMAGE TO CAPITOL FROM BIBLE WAY CHURCH;

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SIX PM, PARADE FROM FLORIDA AVENUE, N.E., TO K STREET TO H STREET, N.E.; STARTING AT INTERSECTION OF FLORIDA AVENUE AND TRINIDAD, N.E.; SEVEN PM, MEMORIAL SERVICE, DOUGLAS MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, ELEVENTH AND H STREETS, N.E.; EIGHT PM, THE WALTON SINGER - ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH, SIXTEENTH AND HARVARD STREETS, N.W., WASHINGTON D.C. (WDC).

SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED THAT NO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP) HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TAKE PART IN ABOVE PROGRAM AND HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL IGNORE MEMORIAL SERVICES BUT PROBABLY ATTEMPT TO SELL BPP NEWSPAPER TO CROWD.

SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED THAT MRS. CORETTA KING WILL REMAIN IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, THE MORNING OF FRIDAY, JANUARY FIFTEEN, NEXT, TO PARTICIPATE IN GRAVESIDE SERVICES FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND WILL THEN FLY TO WDC, ARRIVING PROBABLY LATE AFTERNOON OR EARLY EVENING JANUARY FIFTEEN, NEXT. COMMITTEE HOPES MRS. KING WILL ARRIVE IN TIME TO TAKE

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PART IN PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS  
ASKING JANUARY FIFTEENTH BE DECLARED NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

IT IS ESTIMATED BY WKHC THAT CROWD WILL APPROACH FIVE  
TO SIX THOUSAND AND THAT PETITIONS WITH APPROXIMATELY TWO  
MILLION SIGNATURES WILL BE PRESENTED.

SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS, JR.,  
DEMOCRAT, FIRST DISTRICT, MICHIGAN, D.C., CONTACTING SENATORS AND  
REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET PETITIONERS AND ACCEPT THEIR PETITIONS.

SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE  
ARE THOSE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING NATIONAL  
HOLIDAY COMMITTEE.

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FOLLOWING AND ASSIGNING SOURCES TO COVER EVENTS LISTED ABOVE.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF POSSIBLE <sup>AIRLINE</sup> ~~AIRLAIN~~ AND  
FLIGHT BEING UTILIZED BY MRS. KING AND ETA, WDC. ~~LHM~~ <sup>MEMO</sup>  
FOLLOWS. P.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-new)

POSSIBLE RACIAL DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH BIRTHDAY  
OBSERVANCES OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.. JANUARY FIFTEEN INSTANT  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RM.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES, RELIABLE IN PAST, AND CHICAGO  
PD SOURCES ADVISED THIS DATE NUMEROUS MEMORIAL SERVICES  
CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY OF KING SCHEDULED IN CHICAGO AREA THIS  
DATE.

OPERATION BREADBASKET, ECONOMIC ARM OF SOUTHERN  
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) WILL HOLD SERVICES AT  
CAPITOL THEATRE, SEVENTY NINTH AND SOUTH HALSTED STREETS,  
CHICAGO. THIS THEATRE WAS RECENTLY PURCHASED BY OPERATION  
BREADBASKET FOR USE AS OFFICES AND MEETINGS AND WILL BE  
RENAMED "DOCTOR KING'S WORKSHOP". PROGRAM TO BE LED BY  
REV. JESSE LOUIS JACKSON, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF OPERATION  
BREADBASKET.

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NUMEROUS OTHER CHURCHES AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ANNOUNCED SIMILAR ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE CHICAGO AREA.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES COGNIZANT.

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 SIMILAR OBSERVANCES IN PREVIOUS YEARS HAVE BEEN PEACEFUL AND WITHOUT INCIDENT. CHICAGO WILL SUBMIT ADDITIONAL TELETYPES ONLY IF DISTURBANCE OCCURS. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

cc- Mr. Drake

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TO DIRECTOR ATTN: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

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FROM ATLANTA 157-NEW IP

MARTIN LUTHER KING

WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE (WKHC). RM.

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU AND ATLANTA JAN. FOURTEEN, SEVENTYONE.

SOURCES IN ATLANTA ADVISE THEY ARE UNABLE TO LOCATE RESER-  
VATIONS FOR CORETTA KING OR RALPH ABERNATHY DEPARTING ATLANTA BETWEEN  
JAN. FOURTEEN AND EVENING OF JAN. FIFTEEN, SEVENTYONE. NO INFOR-  
MATION DEVELOPED THAT CORETTA KING WILL ACTUALLY GO TO WASHINGTON  
JAN. FIFTEEN, SEVENTYONE.

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MARCH TO COMMEMORATE BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAYTONA  
BEACH, FLORIDA, JAN FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE. RACIAL MATTERS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED  
THAT A MARCH IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. WOULD BE HELD IN DAYTONA BEACH ON FRIDAY, JANUARY FIFTEEN,  
NINETEEN SEVENTYONE.

[REDACTED] AT THE Citizens Coordinating Committee  
FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT IKE BROWN,  
A CCC LEADER, HAD EITHER BEEN AT MAINLAND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL OR HAD  
TALKED TO STUDENTS FROM THAT HIGH SCHOOL TO GAIN THEIR SUPPORT AND TO  
HAVE THEM SKIP SCHOOL ON JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE AND  
PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCH.

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[REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AS YET NO PARADE PERMIT  
HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR A MARCH ON JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE.

[REDACTED] b7  
[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT NO REQUEST HAS BEEN  
MADE BY THE BLACK STUDENTS TO HAVE FRIDAY, JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN  
SEVENTYONE, OFF AND NO INFORMATION HAS COME TO HIS ATTENTION REFLECTING  
THAT THE BLACK STUDENTS PLAN TO SKIP SCHOOL OR WALK OUT ON THAT DATE.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT  
THE REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY, LEADER OF THE SCLC, HAS A RESERVATION  
AT THE MOTEL FOR THE NIGHT OF JANUARY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY-  
ONE AND HE UNDERSTANDS THAT ABERNATHY WILL BE MEETING WITH THE  
MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE OF DAYTONA BEACH AND WILL ALSO GIVE A TALK AT ONE  
OF THE LARGER, LOCAL CHURCHES. *Southern Christian Leadership Conference* FLA

[REDACTED] ADVISED b7(D)  
THAT PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR A PARADE ON JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN  
SEVENTYONE AND THAT NO VIOLENCE IS ANTICIPATED.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE,  
ALL JACKSONVILLE, ADVISED.

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NO LHM IS BEING SUBMITTED.

JACKSONVILLE AT DAYTONA BEACH, WILL FOLLOW.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-NEW)

DEMONSTRATION IN HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, NEW ORLEANS, LA., JANUARY FIFTEEN SEVENTYONE. RM.

AT APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRTY PM THIS DATE, APPROXI-  
MATELY ONE FIFTY NEGRO MALES AND FEMALES, AGE GROUP FIFTEEN  
TO TWENTY-FIVE, APPEARED AT THE ORLEANS PARISH PRISON-  
DISTRICT COURT BUILDING. APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN DEMONSTRATORS  
CARRIED SIGNS DENOTING "ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE" AND "BLACK  
POWER".

PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATION WAS TO COMMEMORATE BIRTHDAY OF  
KING AND NO NCCF-BPP MEMBERS PRESENT. DEMONSTRATORS WERE  
ORDERLY AND DISPERSED APPROXIMATELY TWO FIFTEEN PM WITHOUT  
INCIDENT. DEMONSTRATORS PHOTOGRAPHED BY NOPD INTELLIGENCE  
OFFICERS.

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ANNOUNCED AND BLACK ORGANIZATIONS ARE AWARE OF SAME BUT NO CONFRONTATION PLANNED ACCORDING TO SOURCES TO DATE.

FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENTS PLAN TO AUTHORIZE ANNUAL LEAVE ON LIBERAL BASIS. ST. LOUIS PD, SECRET SERVICE, AND ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH MI GROUP THREE ADVISED OF ABOVE. P.

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cc MR. TRAINOR  
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COMMITTEE (WKHC)

RACIAL MATTERS

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Re WFO airtel and LHM 12/31/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for  
Atlanta one copy for information of LHM with information re  
captioned matter furnished to SA [REDACTED] by b7(C)  
[REDACTED] b7(D)

The LHM is classified "Confidential" to protect  
this source and is being disseminated locally to the U. S.  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE (WKHC)  
RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED] b7(D)  
[REDACTED] advised that a meeting of the WKHC was held in Washington, D. C. (WDC), December 29, 1970, to formulate plans to celebrate January 15, 1971, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to make this day a national holiday. According to source, petitions from throughout the country will hopefully be presented that date to Congress for this purpose.

The source said the WKHC was founded following a meeting December 17, 1970, in WDC, between the Honorable John Conyers, Jr., Democrat, First District, Michigan, and Mrs. Coretta Scott King at which time the formation of a 90 member citizen's committee was announced. The group includes seven United States Senators, sixteen Congressmen, the Presidents of the National Council of Churches, United Auto Workers, State, County and Municipal Employees Unions, and other representatives from government, labor, business, religion and the arts.

Source advised that Representative Conyers made a press release that date concerning the formation of the National Committee for King Holiday, accopy of which is attached.

Source further advised that in furtherance of the purpose of the WKHC, Mayor Walter E. Washington and City Council Chairman Gilbert Hahn, Jr., had drafted plans for the

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WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE (WKHC)

observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Public Affairs Office of the District of Columbia Government had announced these plans in a news release dated December 30, 1970, a copy of which is attached.

*W.C.*  
Source stated that Willie J. Hardy, a well known black community leader, is Chairman of the WDC WKHC and in her capacity as Chairman, Mrs. Hardy had made a press release on December 31, 1970, concerning the activities planned in WDC, on January 15, 1971.

Source made available a copy of Mrs. Hardy's press release which reads as follows:

"On this coming January 15, across the country, millions of Americans will not report to work, will miss school, or will, in some other manner, treat the day with special respect in honor of a man of peace, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Yet, our government has not yet seen fit to declare that day a national holiday.

"Because of that failure, the shape and character of Washington's celebration of the King holiday will have a special significance, and so Dr. Ralph David Abernathy announced on December 17, 1970, the plans for a dramatic presentation on that day to the Congress of thousands of petitions bearing the millions of signatures which have thus far been received and which are still coming in.

*W.C.*  
"I am pleased to announce today the formulation of a broad-based committee representing the religious, business, educational, and civic life of our city. Sharing the chair with me is Mr. Clarence Bennett of the Cardozo chapter of the Jaycees which has been very active with respect to this issue. Among the others on the committee *W.C.*

*W.C.*  
~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~  
Dr. Isaac Franck *member of* Jewish Community Council  
Mr. Frank Rich Washington Urban Coalition

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WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE (WKHC)

*W.C.* *member of*

Dr. Charles Warren	National Capital Council of Churches
Mr. Ted Hagen	Uptown Progress
Mr. Wendell Clement	Federal City College
Reverend David Eaton	All Souls Unitarian- Universalist Church
H. Carl Moultrie, Esquire	NAACP.

*NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE*

"The celebration in Washington will involve many phases. First we are encouraging various community programs throughout the city in the early morning. We hope each church, community organization, and civic association will have some type of activity in remembrance of Dr. King in the morning.

"Then, at 11:30 A.M., there will be a Memorial Service for Dr. King at the Bible Way Church, 1130 New Jersey Avenue, N. W. Dr. Abernathy will be the main speaker.

"Finally, after the service, Dr. Abernathy and Mrs. Coretta King will load the thousands of petitions upon a mule train and will lead a march to the United States Capitol where, in the manner Dr. King taught us, we will peacefully but forcefully demand that this country's greatest man, a Black man, be recognized and honored in the same tradition as have many lesser, white men."

Source stated that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, is taking a very active part in the campaign to have January 15th declared a national holiday in memory of Dr. King and in furtherance of this objective had prepared and distributed throughout the country a petition which, after being signed, will be delivered to WDC, for presentation to Congress. A copy of this petition is attached.

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WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE (WKHC)

[REDACTED] the WKHC will hold its second meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 1971, and [REDACTED] held a press conference in the District Building on January 8, 1971, at 10:00 A.M., [REDACTED] at that time to announce the complete schedule of activities planned for January 15, 1971. b7(D)

[REDACTED] advised that the membership of the Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday Committee [REDACTED] made available the following list of names as those who have agreed to serve on the committee:

Rev. Ralph Abernathy	Mr. James Earl Jones
Mr. Morris Abrams	Mr. Lerol Jones
Honorable Frank Annunzio	Honorable Edward Kennedy
Mrs. Edythe Scott Bagley	, Mrs. A.D. Williams King
Mr. Harry Belafonte	Mrs. Coretta Scott King
Mr. Lerone Bennett, Jr.	Rev. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr.
Mr. Leonard Bernstein	Mr. Edward Lamb
Honorable Julian Bond	Mr. Ely Landau
Honorable Thomas Bradley	Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld
Honorable George Brown, Jr.	Honorable John Lindsay
Dr. Ralph Bunche	Honorable Allard Lowenstein
Bishop Henry Bunton	Dr. Albert Manley
Mr. John Carlos	Mr. Burke Marshall
Dr. John Cashin	Honorable Sam Massell
Honorable Shirley Chisholm	Dr. Benjamin Mays
Honorable Ramsey Clark	Honorable George McGovern
Honorable Robert Clark	Honorable Ralph Metcalfe
Honorable William Clay	Honorable Abner Mikva
Honorable George Collins	Honorable Parren Mitchell
Honorable John Conyers, Jr.	Bishop Paul Moore
Mr. Ossie Davis	Honorable Edmund Muskie
Mr. Sammy Davis, Jr.	Mr. Henry Niles
Honorable Ronald Dellums	Honorable Richard Ottinger
Honorable Charles C. Diggs, Jr.	Mrs. Rosa Parks
Honorable Mervin Dymally	Mr. Malcolm Peabody
Mrs. Marion Wright Edelman	Mr. Sidney Poitier
Honorable Don Edwards	Mr. A. Phillip Randolph
Mr. Nelson Edwards	Honorable Athalie Range
Honorable Charles Evers	Honorable Charles Rangel
Mrs. Christine King Farris	Honorable Ogden Reid

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WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE (WKHC)

Mr. Issac Farris, Sr.  
Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy  
Mr. Joseph Filner  
Miss Aretha Franklin  
Honorable Don Fraser  
Mr. Harold Gibbons  
Mr. Dick Gregory  
Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer  
Professor Charles V. Hamilton  
Honorable Philip Hart  
Honorable Vance Hartke  
Honorable Richard Hatcher  
Father Theodore Hesburgh  
Mr. Chester Higgins  
Honorable Harold Hughes  
Honorable Jacob Javits  
Mr. John J. Johnson

Honorable Henry Reuss  
Mr. Joseph Rhodes  
Honorable Ben Rosenthal  
Mr. Bill Russell  
Mr. Bayard Rustin  
Honorable William Ryan  
Dr. Julius Scott  
Dr. Benjamin Spock  
Honorable Louis Stokes  
Miss Doris Turner  
Mr. Harry Wachtel  
Honorable Walter E. Washington  
Mrs. Theodore Wedel  
Mr. Roger Wilkins  
Mr. Leonard Woodcock  
Mr. Jerry Wurf  
Rev. Andrew Young  
Mr. Whitney Young

Source advised that Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Mrs. Coretta Scott King would be present in WDC, on January 15, 1971, to participate in the march to the steps of the Capitol where the petitions gathered from all over the United States will be presented to a member of Congress.

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# CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS, JR.

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First District, Michigan

For Release: Thursday, December 17, 1970, 1:30PM  
Contact: Ron Thomas 202-225-5126

## NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR KING HOLIDAY ANNOUNCED

In a renewed effort to have Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, January 15, designated as a national holiday, the formation of a 90 member citizen's committee was announced today in Washington. The group includes 7 U.S. Senators, 16 Congressmen, the Presidents of the National Council of Churches, United Auto Workers, State, County and Municipal Employees Union, and other representatives from government, labor, business, religion and the arts.

Members of the committee who were present urged local communities across the country to hold commemorative observances next month in honor of Dr. King and to support legislation in Congress that has been introduced by Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich) and 25 other House sponsors.

"Martin Luther King's prophetic voice is gone," the group said, "and those of us who believed in his ideals of non-violence, justice and racial harmony are left to continue their advocacy. We believe Dr. King was right when he rejected the theory that violence and racism are inherent in our society. Today as never before, the memory of this champion of the oppressed throughout the world cannot be allowed to be forgotten. We come together not merely to review the accomplishments of the person we would honor, but rather to encourage those who share our views to make public their belief that Dr. King's example is of singular importance for our country."

Mrs. Coretta Scott King, a member of the committee, said: "Our family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to all of these great Americans who have joined in this effort. There is no more appropriate way of honoring him than by pledging anew our determination to reach the goals for which he gave his life."

The Congressional sponsors of the King Holiday Bill announced that they are requesting mayors and governors across the country to initiate local activities to commemorate Dr. King's birthday. Congressman Conyers said that last year at least 8 states, 26 cities, and hundreds of communities proclaimed January 15 as "Martin Luther King Day." He indicated that since July of 1966 his office has received over 700,000 individual letters and petitions carrying more than 7 million signatures.

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Present at the Conference were these members of the Committee:

Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Congressman John Conyers (Mich.), Senator George McGovern, Mrs. Theodore Wedel, President of the National Council of Churches, Rev. Walter Fauntroy, SCLC Washington representative, and Representatives Frank Annunzio (Ill.), Jonathan Bingham (N.Y.), George Brown, Jr. (Calif.), Shirley Chisholm (N.Y.), William Clay (Mo.), Charles Diggs, Jr. (Mich.), Don Edwards (Calif.), Don Fraser (Minn.), Edward Koch (N.Y.), Allard Lowenstein (N.Y.), Abner Mikva (Ill.), Richard Ottinger (N.Y.), Ogden Reid (N.Y.), Henry Reuss (Wis.), Ben Rosenthal (N.Y.), William Ryan (N.Y.) and Louis Stokes (Ohio).

Public Affairs Office, District of Columbia Government

# news release

District Building, Room 528

629-2577 - 2704

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DECEMBER 30, 1970

Mayor Walter E. Washington and City Council Chairman Gilbert Hahn, Jr. today outlined the city government's plans for observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 15.

In cooperation with the Mayor, the Council has officially called for appropriate observance on that date by the city government, in co-operation with the community.

The Mayor and Chairman Hahn named Julian Dugas, Director of the Department of Economic Development, and Vice Chairman Sterling Tucker to direct the planning for the birthday activities.

A liberal leave policy will be in effect for District Government employees on January 15th. This means that supervisors are encouraged to grant annual leave to all workers in nonessential jobs who wish to take part in the observance.

Mayor Washington and Chairman Hahn today noted that the city government on October 1 had submitted legislation which included a provision that would set aside the third Monday in January as a new holiday for the private sector of the city in observance of the birthday of Dr. King. The city also supports legislation to establish a national holiday in honor of Dr. King.

# We, the people of the United States,

call upon the Congress and the President of the United States to declare that each January 15th, the birthday of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., shall be a National Holiday in honor and memory of Dr. King.

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ADDRESS

You can help make Dr. King's birthday a National Holiday by sending petitions to: Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 334 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

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City of Cleveland  
Room 225, City Hall  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

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Dear [REDACTED]

On January 13th I received your letter and its enclosure. While the copy of the newspaper article you enclosed accurately reported my remarks regarding Martin Luther King, I cannot elaborate further regarding him as data in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

The specific portion of the extensive interview regarding the protection of the President was only part of a general discussion of a number of topics, including assassinations, violence, threats against public officials and civil disorders. Had the entire text of my interview been reported regarding this matter, I am confident there would have been no misinterpretation of my comments.

Over the years it has been my privilege to associate very closely, both within and without the FBI, with many persons of Puerto Rican and Mexican origin or descent for whom I have the utmost respect. Please be assured that I had no intention whatever of criticizing, demeaning or casting aspersions on law-abiding citizens of any ethnic group or national origin.

Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoover

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# City of Cleveland

CARL B. STOKES, Mayor

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January 7, 1971

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Nobel for Dr. King Rapped by Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This letter comes to you as a result of an article published in the Cleveland Press Monday, December 7, 1970, under the above caption.

The Community Relations Board of this City reviewed this article and much to our surprise the following statement was allegedly attributed to you - "The FBI director said he once called King a liar because the late civil rights leader said he never had criticized the FBI. Hoover said he told King "If you ever say anything that's a lie again I'll brand you a liar again." "Strange to say he never attacked the Bureau again for as long as he lived." Hoover said. King was assassinated April 4, 1968.

He said the exchange occurred in December 1964, while King was preparing to receive the Nobel peace prize. "He was the last one in the world who should have received it."

"I held him in complete contempt because of the things he said and because of his conduct," Hoover said.

He said the FBI cooperates with the Secret Service to protect the President on trips abroad. "You never have to bother about a president being shot by Puerto Ricans or Mexicans. They don't shoot very straight. But if they come at you with a knife beware."

If in fact the above is your statement and quoted correctly, the Cleveland Community Relations Board would have you to understand its extreme displeasure concerning your remarks. The Board is cognizant of the sensitive and responsible position which you hold and for that very reason alone the Board believes your comments relative to the late Dr. King were unjust and certainly uncalled for, particularly since he no longer lives and is therefore unable to defend himself except through those who loved and respected him for bringing a sense of dignity to a people who were once sold as property and enslaved mentally as well as physically. Whatever your personal differences were this Board feels you were professionally obligated not to divulge publicly. Not one of us is completely perfect, and I am sure you know we make errors and therefore for you to deliberately

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attack a human being who laid his life on the line many times and was finally assassinated, this Community Relations Board finds very distasteful and difficult to believe to have come from one in your capacity in serving this nation.

Your further alleged comments regarding the Puerto Ricans and Mexicans (see attached copy of newspaper account) communities this Board finds reprehensible, and absolutely unprofessional. In a day when our country is seriously polarized, such statements by you or anyone else holding responsible positions certainly do not help a Community Relations Board such as Cleveland's to bring about the kinds of relationships for which we are striving in this City. They tend only to exacerbate the problems, create deeper feelings of alienation, and make the job of the Community Relations Board and its staff far more difficult than normally would be the case.

In the reconstitution of our Board a few months ago, we deliberately picked individuals of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, along with a staff - in order to be closer to the pulse of the community. And that pulse in the Spanish speaking community, rightfully, we believe, takes issue with your remarks and thus requested our investigation, based upon the principles this Board espouses. As a Community Relations Board we found that they (your remarks) were not in the best interest of the Spanish speaking community - in fact a generalization which is terribly insulting.

This Board does not wish to convey the idea of being a judge and jury, or demand a retraction of your alleged statement. But, we do want you to be perfectly clear as to our stance, which is to "promote amicable relations among the racial and cultural groups within the community...work in cooperation with government... to eliminate whatever source of interracial friction may exist...deal with conditions which strain racial and cultural relationships...maintain contacts with the ...groups...which are concerned with interracial understanding...be a source of... data on problems of interracial understanding."

These goals this Board feels it can achieve for the betterment of Cleveland. However, to do so it feels an added responsibility to speak out against injustices and applaud acts of justice. We would hope you share our feelings, as well as those of the Spanish speaking community.

Sincerely,

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Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Enclosure



**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
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The Cleveland Press, Monday, December 7, 1970,

# Nobel for Dr. King rapped by Hoover

NEW YORK — (UPI) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover says the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "was the last one in the world" who should have received the Nobel peace prize.

Hoover also said in a Time magazine interview published today that he turned down a request by the then-Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to lower FBI qualifications in order to hire more blacks.

"I said, 'Bobby, that's not going to be done as long as I'm director of this bureau. He said, 'I don't think you're being cooperative.' And I said, 'Why don't you get a new director?'"

HOOVER SAID he spoke with former President Lyndon B. Johnson about the matter and Johnson told him to "stick to your guns."

The FBI director said he once called King a liar because the late civil rights leader said he never had criticized the FBI. Hoover said he told King, "If you ever say anything that's a lie again I'll brand you a liar again."

"Strange to say, he never attacked the bureau again for as long as he lived," Hoover said. King was assassinated Apr. 4, 1968.

He said the exchange occurred in December, 1964, while King was preparing to receive the Nobel peace prize. "He was the last one in the world who should ever have received it."

"I HELD HIM in complete contempt because of the things he said and because of his conduct," Hoover said.

He said the FBI cooperates with the Secret Service to protect the President on trips abroad. "You never have to bother about a President being shot by Puerto Ricans or Mexicans. They don't shoot very straight. But if they come at you with a knife, beware."

Hoover said the bureau recruits 50% of its agents from the officer corps in Vietnam whose members are all "above average in personal appearance."

He said he will remain FBI chief so long as his physical condition permits. He is 72.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1/11/71

Attached relates that D. C. Mayor Walter Washington met with representatives of the Washington King Holiday Committee and at a press conference announced city plans for ceremonies on 1/15/71.

A copy of attached sent Inter-Division Information Unit. Pertinent parts will be included in teletype summary to the White House, Vice President, Attorney General, the military and Secret Service.

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*MARTIN LUTHER KING*

WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE (WKHC), RACIAL MATTERS.

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THAT A JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE FEATURING MAYOR WALTER WASHINGTON AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WKHC WAS HELD AT TWO THIRTY PM, TO OUTLINE THE OBSERVANCE OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JUNIOR, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, JANUARY FIFTEEN, NEXT.

MAYOR WASHINGTON ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR CITY-WIDE AND NEIGHBORHOOD CEREMONIES, RELIGIOUS SERVICES, MEETINGS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR THAT DATE.

MAYOR WASHINGTON ANNOUNCED THAT ONE OF THE CITY'S MAJOR STREETS WILL BE RENAMED MARTIN LUTHER KING AVENUE. THIS ACTION, WHICH WILL BE MARKED BY APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES ON  
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JANUARY FIFTEEN, NEXT, IS BEING TAKEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF MAYOR WASHINGTON.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT MRS. WILLIE HARDY AND CLARENCE  
BENNETT, LEADERS OF THE WDHG DISCUSSED PROGRAMS MADE TO DATE  
BY THEIR COMMITTEE AT THE NEWS CONFERENCE.

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January 12, 1971

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

*Martin Luther King*

I seem to be on a mailing list and receive a great deal of material like this. As a broadcaster and infrequent commentator on the air, I am most interested in facts and opinions. Can someone in your office comment on the credibility of this article and Mrs. Julia Brown?

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
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An Anti-Communist Negro  
Makes This Appeal:

Please Don't Help Glorify  
Martin Luther King.

by Mrs. Julia Brown

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to help spread the Truth About Civil Turmoil.

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Mrs. Julia Brown spent more than nine years as a member of the Communist Party in Cleveland, Ohio, serving as an undercover operative for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She "surfaced" in 1962, to testify in Washington about her experiences and to describe how the Communists plan to use Negroes as "cannon fodder" in their program of racial agitation. Today, she continues to risk her life on coast-to-coast speaking tours, exposing the Communist-led revolutionaries who pose "a clear and present danger" to Americans of every race.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, once called Martin Luther King "the most notorious liar in the country." I agree with him. But I also believe that Mr. King was one of the worst enemies my people ever had.

I know that it is considered poor taste to speak ill of the dead. But when someone served the enemies of our country while alive, and his name is still used by his comrades to promote anti-American activities, shouldn't people who know the truth speak out?

I learned many surprising things while I served in the Communist Party for the FBI. Communist leaders told us about the demonstrations that would be started, the protest marches, the demands that would be made for massive federal intervention. Every Communist was ordered to help convince American Negroes that we are no better off than slaves. Wherever we went and whatever we did, we were to promote race consciousness and resentment, because the Communists know that the technique of *divide and conquer* really works.

We were also told to promote Martin Luther King, to unite Negroes and whites behind him, and to turn him into some sort of



This photograph was taken at a Communist training school in Tennessee, shows: (1) Martin Luther King, (2) Abner Berry of the Central Committee the Communist Party, (3) Communist Aubrey Williams of the South Conference Educational Fund, and (4) school director Myles Horton.

national hero. We were to look to King as the *leader* in this struggle the Communists said, because he was on our side!

I know they were right, because while I was in the Communist Party I learned that Martin Luther King attended a Communist training school. I learned that several of his aides and assistants were Communists, that he received funds from Communists, and that I was taking directions from Communists.

Most Americans never look at the Communist press in this country. If they did, they would learn that the Communists love Martin Luther King. He was one of their biggest heroes. And I know for a fact the Communists would never have promoted him, financed him, and supported him if they couldn't *trust* him. He carried out their orders just as slavishly as Party members in Cleveland, Ohio.

Martin Luther King may never have carried a Communist Party membership card. That's not important. Most of the people the Communists counted on to further their work were not official members of the Communist Party. But I am as certain as I can be that he knew what he was doing! And I am just as certain that the drive to glorify him now is just as much a Communist project. Through it, the Communists expect to raise millions of dollars to help further their programs, to gain even wider acceptance for the campaign of civil turmoil, and to further divide the American public.

But none of this has to happen. Although many Americans are still deceived about Martin Luther King, more and more are learning the truth. I want to assure every reader that what I've said here is the truth. I urge everyone to investigate this crucial issue further. Please, *make sure of the truth*. For it is only through honest information and sincere efforts that the problems this country faces can be solved.

Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. 822 Pacific Street		4153
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This check, from an official Communist front and signed by two identified Communists, is just one of many payments to Martin Luther King from the sworn enemies of our country.



This pamphlet is being distributed as a public service by TACT — a nationwide network of local Committees initiated by The John Birch Society. Our purpose is simply to help spread the Truth About Civil Turmoil. We believe that good Americans of every race should know that lawlessness, violence-producing "non-violence," racist cries about "white racism," and repeated demands for "massive federal intervention" are part of a Communist program for a Communist conquest.

We hope the information in this brochure will cause more Americans to reflect on the real nature and the subversive intent of the campaign to confer "sainthood" on a man who collaborated closely with Communists, who accepted directions and funds from Communists, and who furthered Communist purposes all of his adult life.

For more information on this important issue, we recommend the following materials. All of them can be ordered through our Committee or by writing directly to our national headquarters:

The Civil Rights Packet, a collection of articles and pamphlets, including two Communist booklets and the outstanding study, *Color, Communism and Common Sense* by Manning Johnson, a Negro and former top Communist. (\$1.00)

The TACT Packet, eight articles and pamphlets on civil turmoil, plus the definitive study of the "civil rights" movement, *It's Very Simple* by Alan Stang. (\$1.00)

I Testify, by Mrs. Julia Brown, the autobiography of one of America's bravest patriots and a stirring account of courage, determination, and dedication to freedom. (\$1.50)

The Sandersville Story, a brief pamphlet on the terrorist tactics used by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Sandersville, Georgia, to force Negroes to accept the creation of a socialist community — a *soviet*! (10 copies for \$1.00)

Greater Princeton TACT Committee.

(Truth About Civil Turmoil)

P. O. Box 175

Belle Mead, New Jersey 08502

*Additional copies of this pamphlet are available in any quantity at fifty copies for one dollar.  
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Jan 5, 1971  
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Dear Sir,

How are you today?

*Martin Luther King*  
I have been very upset about your attacks on the late Dr. King and the adultry that he had committed while he was alive. Why did you not confront Him with his short comming while he was alive?, and He could defend himself? Have you ever committed adultery?

Funny thing so    of us cannot see the forest for the trees.

I close.

Respectfully yours

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*Detroit* Detroit 10, Mich.

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An Added Dimension  
Of Insight on the News



Jack Anderson

## Mafia Loan Trap Infests Capitol

WASHINGTON—A federal grand jury has discovered that Mafia overlords in New York are running a loan racket in the nation's capital with shylock rates collected by muscle men. Borrowers who don't meet their payments are threatened with maiming and murder.

The hush-hush grand jury, operating out of the squat federal courthouse on Washington's historic Pennsylvania Avenue, has also heard sworn testimony about extortion, grand larceny and contraband smuggling.

Enormous sums have been traced from Charles "Fuffi" Rivezzo, identified as an underling of the notorious Cosa Nostra gangster Carmine "The Doctor" Lombardozzi; the old Carlo Gambino machine, a crime hierarchy now in disarray from internal bickering and tough enforcement; and Paul Coppola, a New Haven mobster convicted of tax violations.

The secret Washington investigation was touched off by our report on Nov. 8, 1969, about a threatened Mafia takeover of a major East Coast fireworks dealer. We have kept silent about the investigation to give authorities a chance to subpoena and question witnesses.

But the secrecy is now threatened by an underworld feud, blazing with charges of death threats, over the hijacking of an \$8,000 load of fireworks in Washington. A former Mafia courier and a Mafia-bankrolled businessman are hurling accusations at each

other that may expose the secret grand jury. We have decided, therefore, to break the story.

The grand jury is directed by Harold Sullivan, the racket-busting assistant U.S. attorney who has already prosecuted one Mafia infested narcotics case in Washington.

A key witness before the Washington grand jury has been fireworks magnate Bernard F. Semel, an ex-convict, friend and business acquaintance of Coppola. Semel is also a friend of Rep. Bob Giaimo, D-Conn., another Coppola intimate.

Giaimo's name has come up repeatedly in the investigation, but no evidence of criminal violations by the congressman has been uncovered. Witnesses, however, have confirmed our stories of Giaimo's favors to Semel and Coppola.

Besides the fireworks industry, the grand jury has heard testimony that the Mafia tried to penetrate transportation and souvenir businesses in Washington. Indeed, Mafia men operate literally in the shadow of the Capitol and across the street from the FBI.

We have pored over records of Mafia-front firms, watched Mafia Cadillacs pull brazenly up to businesses and spoken to grand jury witnesses. My associate Les Whitten has kept late-night trysts with Mafia informants.

Footnote: Both Sullivan and Semel declined comment.

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RACIAL MATTERS  
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*MARTIN LUTHER KING*

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[REDACTED] advised that a meeting of the WKHC was held in Washington, D.C. (WDC), December 29, 1970, to formulate plans to celebrate January 15, 1971, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to make this day a national holiday. According to the source, petitions from throughout the country will hopefully be presented that date to Congress for this purpose. The source said WKHC was founded following a meeting December 17, 1970, in WDC, between Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Representative John Conyers from Michigan. [REDACTED]

The source further advised of the following information:

The Chairman of the WDC WKHC is Willie J. Hardy.

Co-Chairmen are as follows:

*W.K.H.C.*

Clarence Bennett  
Lois Singletary

Dr. Isaac Franck  
Frank Rich  
Dr. Charles Warren

Cardozo JCs  
Board of Trustees, D.C.  
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Jewish Community Center  
Washington Urban Coalition  
Washington Council of Churches

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Uptown Progress (Negro equivalent  
of Business and Professional  
Men's Association)

Wendell Clement

Federal City College

Reverend David Eaton

Pastor, All Souls Church

Father Richard McSorley

Georgetown University

Father Gino Barroni

Catholic Priest

Henry Silva

Tent City Rangers (formed during  
Poor People's Campaign)

Carlos Rosillio

Leader Spanish speaking community

Organizations, both religious and civic, in WDC have been asked to participate. Schools will be asked to have some type of observance on that date. Children with a note from parents allowing them to participate in the march to the steps of the Capitol on January 15, 1971, will be excused.

The committee is asking representatives of religious and civic organizations to meet at Bible Way Church with petitions to make January 15, 1971, a national holiday. These will be placed on a mule train to take the petitions to the steps of the Capitol where it is hoped they will be taken to one Congressman or Senator who will agree to receive the petitions symbolically for the whole Congress.

Pratically every state has a committee and a co-chairman working on this and it is hoped the co-chairman and a small committee from each state will come to WDC and march to the Capitol. People will come from other states but there is no way to know at this time how many will come.

There will be a full meeting in WDC on January 5 or January 6, 1971, followed by a press conference January 7 or January 8, 1971, when more definite plans will have been made. It is planned that Tent City Rangers will be used as crowd marshalls, and all members of committees want this to be an orderly, peaceful demonstration. No violence is planned.

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WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

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Mayor Walter Washington said the District Government cannot make this an official holiday as this decision has to come from Congress.

The proposed program for January 15, 1971, includes:

January 15, 1971

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| 9:30 a.m.  | Ceremony led by Mayor Washington on steps of District Building   |
| 10:30 a.m. | Martin Luther King Cooperative Store (Grocery) will be officially opened at North Capitol and H Streets, N.E., WDC               |
| 11:30 a.m. | Services will be held at Bible Way Church, 1130 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., led by Bishop Smallwood Williams, Pastor of the church. |

Source advised Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. would be present at the service at Bible Way Church and would participate in the march to the steps of the Capitol on January 15, 1971.

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## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/31/70

Attached advises of proposed activity to commemorate birthday of Martin Luther King on 1/15/70, in Washington, D.C. The activity will include a march to the Capitol to present petitions to a Member of Congress, requesting that King's birthday be made a national holiday. No violence or disorder is anticipated in connection with the march.

Metropolitan Police Department and U.S. Capitol Police advised. Copy of attached furnished to Inter-Division Information Unit, Department of Justice. Pertinent information will be included in teletype summary to the White House, the Attorney General, Secret Service, and the military intelligence agencies.

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WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE, RACIAL MATTERS.

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ADVISED THAT THE WASHINGTON KING HOLIDAY COMMITTEE (WKHC),  
WHICH IS NATIONWIDE, WAS FORMED FOR PURPOSE OF CELEBRATING  
JANUARY FIFTEENTH NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, BIRTHDAY OF DR. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR., AND TO MAKE THIS DATE A NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

SOURCE STATED WKHC WAS FORMED FOLLOWING A MEETING IN  
WASHINGTON, D.C., DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, BETWEEN MRS.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND REPRESENTATIVE JOHN CONYERS OF  
MICHIGAN.

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SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED PROPOSED PROGRAM TO BE HELD IN WDC JANUARY FIFTEEN NEXT, INCLUDES NINE THIRTY A.M. OPENING CEREMONY TO BE LED BY MAYOR WALTER WASHINGTON ON STEPS OF DISTRICT BUILDING; TEN THIRTY A.M. OFFICIAL OPENING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING COOPERATIVE STORE, NORTH CAPITOL AND H STREETS, N.E.; ELEVEN THIRTY CHURCH SERVICE AT BIBLE WAY CHURCH, NEW JERSEY AVENUE, N.W. FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, PETITIONS FROM THROUGHOUT NATION TO MAKE JANUARY FIFTEEN NINETEEN SEVENTYONE A NATIONAL HOLIDAY WILL BE PLACED ON A MULE TRAIN AND TAKEN TO STEPS OF CAPITOL WHERE IT IS HOPED THEY WILL BE TAKEN TO A CONGRESSMAN OR SENATOR WHO WILL AGREE TO RECEIVE THE PETITIONS SYMBOLICALLY FOR THE ENTIRE CONGRESS. DR. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, AND MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WILL BE IN WDC TO PARTICIPATE IN SERVICES AND IN MARCH TO ~~CAPITOL~~ CAPITOL.

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CC-MR. BRENNAN

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December 23, 1970

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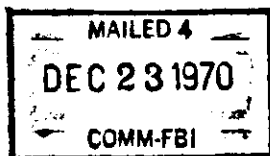
b7(c) Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter on December 21st. With respect to your comments, information concerning the affiliations of Martin Luther King cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret that I am unable to suggest a source where you could obtain the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

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Los Angeles, Cal.

Dec. 15, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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DATE 2-14-81 BY SP4 JRM/ld

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I have another item from the newspaper dealing with making Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday and I am truly disgusted to think that a group of vote-hungry politicians may achieve just that.

My purpose in writing you is to inquire if the information your department has on this man can be made public so that the people of these great United States can, once and for all times, know the true nature of the man. He is the last person who should have been honored with a Nobel Prize, particularly for "peace," as he was the greatest instigator of violence in our entire country, regardless of his protestations of "non-violence."

If our legislatures should ever perpetrate this offence, can you imagine the effect it would have on young people who are reaching out desperately for truth and have this man declared a national hero when it is common knowledge what his true conduct was in relation to this country.

Visualize, if you please, high school and college students (I do not include grade school children as they are unaware of the man's true background) being compelled to honor such a man when they know, thru their own reading and the discussions in the family, that he is the last man to receive such an honor and recognition.

If you are unable to furnish me with the true story of this man, is there any agency or source to which you may direct me from whom I may obtain this information?

Thank you in advance for any data you might be able to send or any information you may wish to give me covering the background of this man.

Sincerely yours

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, Cal. 90027

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DATE 2-14-81 BY SP4 JAM/ML

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Corning, New York 14830  
December 13, 1970

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing to tell you that I think you have done a wonderful job over the years. Recently, however, I have read reports in the newspapers and magazines of certain statements you have made regarding individuals (the Berrigan brothers, Martin Luther King, Jr.). I would like to know if what has been said is your personal conviction, and if so, why.

Many times people say things that they don't mean. I would like to know if this is true in your case. I don't think that anyone, particularly the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation should make such statements of individuals unless it is in an indictment, or arrest warrant, or whatever. You, of all people, are the protector of civil rights of all people.

I would greatly appreciate a reply. Thank you very much for your time.

Yours truly,

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P. S. I would appreciate it if I could have an autographed portrait along with your reply. I still think you are doing an impressive job. Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!

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Corning, New York 14830

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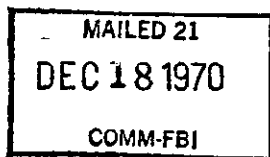
b7(c) [REDACTED]  
West Alexander, Pennsylvania 15376

Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of December 13th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. One Harold Belton Andrews, convicted of auto theft on 7-28-66, alleged he stole automobiles for subsequent sale to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference through Hosea Williams, a leader of this organization. There is no indication or substantiation that Martin Luther King knew of, or was involved in, these auto theft operations.

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b7(c)  
West Alexander, Pa. 15376  
December 13, 1970

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In a recent open-forum discussion in which I participated, held at a retirement home, a rather impassioned old gentleman made the following claim: that Martin Luther King was actively involved in a large used car scandal. He went on to say that it was his (King's) involvement in this "racket" which resulted in his murder.

Needless to say, the statement was not immediately accepted as fact, particularly by one of the other elderly men present. He challenged the first man's claim and was told to "ask Mr. Hoover!" As one of the leaders of the discussion, this noble task was allotted to me.

I am completely unfamiliar with F.B.I. regulations concerning such matters, so I shall put the question simply and be prepared to accept whatever form of answer the Bureau returns. Is there any truth to the above claim?

Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely yours, [REDACTED]

b7(c) [REDACTED]

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Houston, Texas 77024

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Dear [REDACTED]

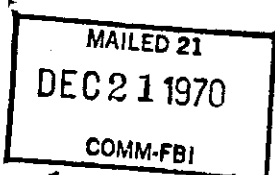
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On December 14th I received your letter, with enclosure, and can understand the concern which prompted you to write.

It will not be possible for me to take the course of action you suggest as data in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. While the newspaper article you enclosed accurately reported my remarks, I cannot elaborate on this matter in view of the reason heretofore set forth.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



1 - Houston - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Our files contain nothing identifiable regarding correspondent. The newspaper article concerns Director's interview with Dean Fischer of "Time" magazine on 12-4-70.

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Houston, Texas 77024

Tuesday  
Dec. 8, 1970

EM

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am enclosing an article clipped from the front page of last evening's Houston Chronicle. In this article you are quoted as having said that you don't think Dr. Martin Luther King should have received the Nobel Peace Prize and that you held him in complete contempt because of the things he said and because of his conduct.

Mr. Hoover, in the interest on an enlightened public, I wish you would make a complete public statement immediately regarding any and all charges you have against the late Dr. King.

I would also greatly appreciate a personal reply to this letter telling me whether you were quoted correctly in the article I am enclosing.

Sincerely yours,

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1 - ENCLOSURE

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# Hoover: King Last Person Who Should Have Received Nobel

New York (UPI)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover says the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "was the last one in the world" who should have received the Nobel Peace Prize.

Hoover also said in a Time magazine interview published Sunday he turned down a request by the then-Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy to lower FBI qualifications to hire more blacks.

"I said, 'Bobby, that's not going to be done as long as I'm director of this bureau.' He said, 'I don't think you're being cooperative.' And I said, 'Why don't you get a new director?'"

Hoover said he spoke with former President Lyndon B. Johnson about the matter and Johnson told him to "stick to your guns."

The FBI director said he once called King a liar because the late civil rights leader said he never had criticized the FBI. Hoover said he told King, "If you ever say anything that's a lie again I'll brand you a liar again."

"He never attacked the bureau again," Hoover said. King was assassinated April 4, 1968.

Hoover said the exchange occurred in December, 1964, while King was preparing to receive the Nobel Peace prize. "He was the last one in the world who should ever have received it," he said.

"I held him in complete contempt because of the things he said and because of his conduct," Hoover said.

He said the FBI cooperates with the Secret Service to protect the president on trips abroad. "You never have to worry about a president being shot by Puerto Ricans or Mexicans. They don't shoot very straight. But if they come at you with a knife, beware."

Hoover said the FBI is recruiting 50 percent of its agents from the officer corps in Vietnam whose members are all "above average in personal appearance."

He said he will remain FBI chief so long as his physical condition permits. Hoover is 72.

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December 15, 1970

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**[REDACTED]**  
Sandersville, Georgia 31082

Dear **[REDACTED]**

Your communication was received on December 10th and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to furnish me your views. It was thoughtful of you to remember me with Holiday Greetings and I hope this season will bring joy and happiness for you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

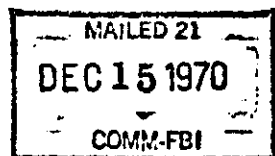
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Sandersville, Ga. 31082  
(December 10, 1970)

Grateful to you for expressing publicly your feeling  
about the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Martin Luther  
King -- How could this be done with the sentiment so  
strong against?

May the Holidays bring happiness to you.

Truly

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*Sandusville, GA 31082*

A Message  
of Appreciation  
to You

# THANK-U-GRAM

In recognition of the good you have done

Acknowledgment  
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December 22, 1970

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[REDACTED]  
Avondale Estates, Georgia 30002

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter on December 18th and want you to know I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness and kind remarks. Expressions of support such as yours are encouraging and mean a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,

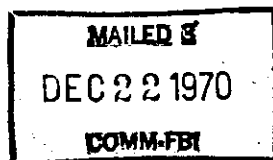
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Avondale Estates, Ga. 30002

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
 F. B. I.  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Thank you for your honest comments concerning Martin Luther King.  
 Your efforts to tell the people the truth may fall on deaf ears,  
 but mine are open to your comments for I am sure no one in this  
 nation is in better position to know facts about this man that you  
 are.

Thank you for your constant vigilance against communism, and I know  
 at times it must seem like an uphill battle, bur there are millions  
 who appreciate you that don't take the time to tell you so.

I would hate to think of this nation WITHOUT you, and the F.B.I.  
 It would be similar to this nation being without churches and the  
 different faiths we have and the privilege of going and worshipping  
 where we please. Your efforts thru the years have built a substantial  
 fortress for good against evils which would make deep inroads into  
 our nation, but for your wonderful organization.

I praise you again for telling the truth regarding Martin Luther  
 King. Those who will not listen or believe, will be the desperate  
 ones, should there come a crisis in our land.

Thank you sincerely for your honesty and good work.

Yours sincerely,

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December 22, 1970

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[REDACTED]  
Columbus, Georgia 31902

Dear [REDACTED]

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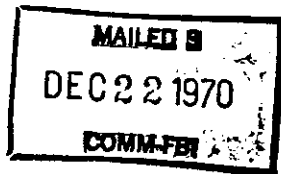
I received your letter of December 15th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your Holiday Greetings. The interest which prompted you to furnish this newspaper clipping and your views is appreciated. You have my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31902

December 15, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hope you will continue to label Martin  
Luther King for just what he was--a lying  
communist.

With best wishes for the Christmas  
Season, I am

Sincerely,

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# Features

A WHITE HOUSE DIARY—NO. 22

## King, RFK Deaths—

By LADY BIRD JOHNSON  
THURSDAY,  
April 4,  
1968

### The White House:

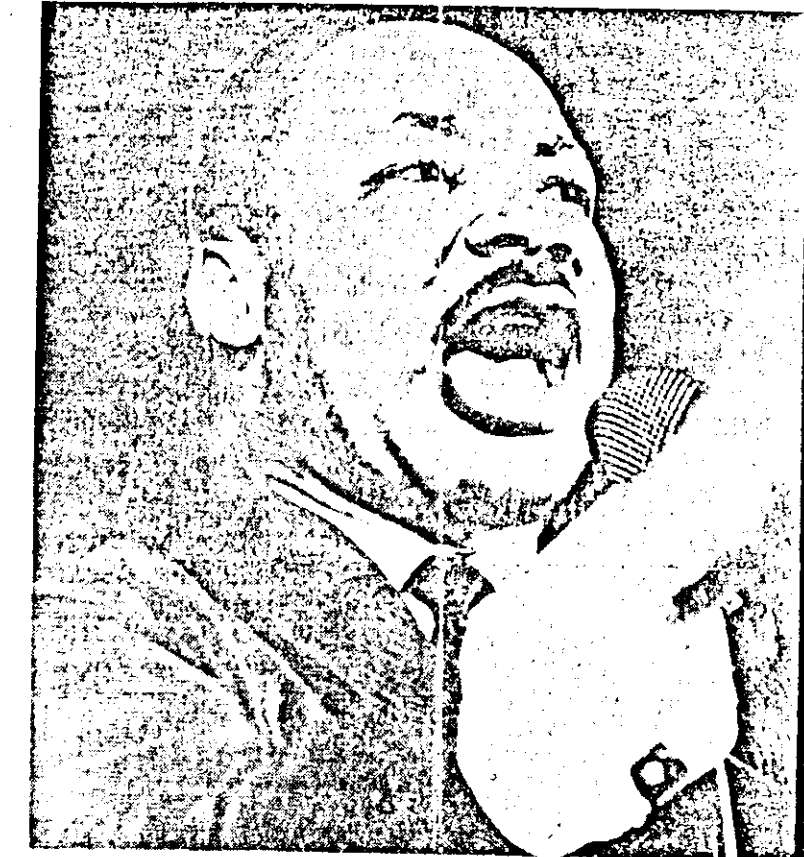
I was back at the White House by 3 p.m. from my brief visit to that beautiful never-never land—Mrs. Merriweather Post's home in Palm Beach. The headlines of the Washington papers today were so hopeful — "Hanoi Offers Talks on Bombing Halt" ... "U.S. Accepts, Will Establish Contact" ... "Johnson Off Today for Hawaii Parley on Vietnam Policy." And another headline — "RFK-HHH See LBJ."

While Mr. Per was fixing my hair, Lynda Bird, who had been watching TV, came flying into my room crying: "Dr. King's been shot!" Quietly down a little, she told us that Martin Luther King, about to lead a march in Memphis tomorrow, had been shot on a motel balcony, and was on his way to the hospital.

From that moment on the evening assumed a nightmare quality. A few moments later Lynda came in and said, "Mama, he's dead!" Everybody's mind began racing off in its own direction, as to what this would mean — to racial violence in our country, to the work of so many who were trying to bring us together — how far would it set us back?

There I sat, with an elaborate hairdo, in my elegant, festive, flame-colored chignon, ready for the Democratic dinner, which was already in progress. But the hands of the clock had stopped, and we were in a strange sort of suspended state, for the next hour or two — Lynda and Luci and I.

LYNDON was in his office — I knew he was working on a statement. He delivered it on TV from the White House: "America is shocked and saddened by the brutal slaying tonight of Dr. Martin Luther King. I ask every citizen to reject the blind violence that has struck down Dr. King, who lived by nonviolence. I pray that his family can find comfort in the memory of all he tried to do for the land he loved so well. I have just conveyed the sympathy of Mrs.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING SHAKES HIS FIST DURING SPEECH IN S  
His Assassination Brought Some Startling Events Into Lady Bird Jo

Johnson and myself to his widow, Mrs. King."

The line that cried out to me was, "I hope that all Americans tonight will search their hearts as they ponder this most tragic incident. . . ." And then was the line that settled our personal, immediate questions — "I have canceled my plans for the evening. I am postponing my trip to Hawaii."

Dinner was a strange, quiet meal. I thought, and maybe everybody else did, that we had been pummeled by such an avalanche of emotions the last four days that we couldn't feel anymore, and here we were, poised on the edge of another abyss, the bottom of which we could in no way see.

WEDNESDAY,  
June 5

### The White House:

It was a short night. The phone jarred me awake from a deep sleep. Lyndon was saying tersely, "Will you come in here?" I did not see how it could be morning. I was too tired. And sure enough, I saw that the hands of the clock stood at 4:20.

He was propped up against the pillows, looking as though he had never been asleep, and all of the TV sets were turned on. He was listening intently, and I realized at once that something serious was happening. I am not sure whether I heard it first from the TV set or from Lyndon. Sen. Kennedy had been shot. All three faces of the three TV sets were on

and the scene was total confusion. Bobby had been at his headquarters in Los Angeles with Ethel, celebrating his victory in the California primaries. Every few minutes the tabulation of the voting would come on the screens. The vote was about 44 or 45 per cent for Kennedy for 41 or 42 per cent for McCarthy.

The whole terrible event had taken place under the eye of the television cameras, and we saw, over and over, the film of the shooting itself and heard the light crack of the gun. We saw Sen. Kennedy lying on the floor, a pool of blood under his head, and heard that he had been taken to one hospital, where he was briefly treated, and then dis-

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patched to another — the Good Samaritan. There was an air of unreality about the whole thing — a nightmare quality. It couldn't be true. We must have dreamed it. It had all happen before.

VERY EARLY in the morning — I can't remember exactly when, I think it was around 7 a.m. — Sen Mansfield came in. I got him a cup of coffee. He had a staring look in his eyes. He said, "What is happening to our country?" The feeling of being a sleep-walker in a dream persisted.

I had told the kitchen that dinner might be very late and that Lyndon might have some of his staff with him. At 10:07,

Lyndon went on TV. He must have had at most two hours of sleep last night. He did look tired, but strong, commanding, and reassuring. All day long I had heard this cacophony over and over — the reactions of people questioned: What is our country coming to? What is happening to us? Are we a sick society?

I welcomed what Lyndon said, after a condemnation of this assassination attempt on Sen. Kennedy and of the spirit of violence that made such things possible, that "two hundred million people did not strike down Robert Kennedy."

We have to cling to the belief that the fabric of American life is still strong; that people are still good; that it's not the fault of every last one of the two hundred million of us; that there is enough virtue, and courage and discipline and hard work in Americans to solve our problems.

SATURDAY,  
June 8

New York and  
Arlington National Cemetery:

This was a day completely detached from the normal, a capsule of time suspended in unreality — the day of the burial of Sen. Robert Kennedy. We left about 8:20 from the White House lawn in the helicopter, and then from Andrews we flew in a small jet. Lyndon and Marie — always a comfort — Joe Califano, Jim Jones, and.

New York was a strange sight. The streets were lined with people who stood silent, motionless. For three days the television had been invoking the phrase "like a Greek tragedy," and indeed, there was much of a Greek drama about this, these mute crowds, the voiceless chorus.

THE CEREMONY was one of staggering drama and beauty. There was one long mike standing in front of all the robed priests and archbishops, and to it went Sen. Teddy Kennedy, who delivered a most beautiful eulogy of his brother. He was strong and composed, though his eyes were red-rimmed. Part



SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY  
And Yet Other Mournful Days

of the way through his voice began to quaver, but then came under control, and he ended calmly. He asked that his brother be remembered simply as "a good and decent man, who saw wrong and tried to right it, saw suffering and tried to heal it, saw war and tried to stop it." He quoted one passage from Robert Kennedy that was sheer poetry. "Some men see things as they are and say, why? I dream things that never were and say, why not?"

Then at last it was over.

We walked to the right, past the front row where all of the Kennedy family were seated, and stopped to speak first to Ethel, whose face was beauti-

ful, sad, composed. She said very simply, "You have been so kind," to Lyndon. We spoke to several of the children and then to Mrs. Rose Kennedy.

Then I found myself in front of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy. I called her name and put out my hand. She looked at me as if from a great distance, as though I were an apparition. I murmured some word of sorrow and walked on. It was somehow bewildering.

From the book "A White House Diary" by Lady Bird Johnson, published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston Inc. Copyright (c) 1976 by Claudia T. Johnson.

MONDAY in The Atlanta Constitution: The candidates, the Democratic convention and the election.

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SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

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December 16, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 2-17-81 BY SP4JRM/ML

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been carefully reading your remarks regarding the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy. I find your public comments to be completely out of order and unethical. I believe you are using your position of Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to gain public hearing for your biased and highly debatable opinions of leading Americans.

If you dare say that Dr. King did not deserve the Nobel Peace Prize, that he was a liar or that Mr. Kennedy was attempting to undermine your professional standards, you must say it as Director of your Bureau or be silent.

Your comments, like Agnew's, are causing a greater rift to develop across our land. I suggest that you be more sensitive to racial groups and the esteemed leaders in this nation. If you must make such statements, make them as charges which carry some weight.

Shalom,

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No ack as no purpose would be served in having to respond to this diatribe.

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CORRESPONDENCE

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95819

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

During the past few weeks I have constantly been reading and hearing about you making unfavorable comments about the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. You have been reported as saying that the Rev. Dr. King was a liar, that you did not recognize him as a minister, and that he should have been the last person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Please allow me to now ask you this question. Do you think it is right, or fair, for you to make such statements about about a man who is dead, thus unable to defend himself of these insolent remarks.

Dr. King was an advocate of nonviolent direct action. It would be impossible for me to list on this paper all the achievements that were results of this belief in ~~nonviolent~~ nonviolent approach. So do me a favor, do yourself a favor, do the world a favor, above all, do humanity a favor and let this great man rest in peace. Evil has killed him but evil must not be allowed to destroy his dream and philosophy and all the work that he has done on Earth.

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Signed

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No ack as no  
purpose would be  
served in trying  
to answer this  
question

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New York 10987

Dear [REDACTED]

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DATE 2-17-81 BY SP-4 JRM/ML  
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Your letter was received on December 14th  
and I regret I am unable to be of assistance to you. Informa-  
tion contained in our files must be maintained as confidential  
in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.  
I am sorry I cannot be of help with respect to your inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Neither correspondent nor [REDACTED] b7(c)  
is identifiable in Bufiles.

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[REDACTED] b7(c)  
New York 10987

Dec, 8, 1970

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In this small conservative village we have a new Episcopal rector, namely a [REDACTED] who I feel is a complete phony though his installation took place with [REDACTED]. He marched with that rabble in Selma, Alabama.

I had occasion to be in his study in the Rectory and hanging over the door, as you leave, you see a large colored picture of Martin Luther King. The Rector says they were good friends.

Yesterday morning on WOR radio, at 6:30 AM, a news reporter stated that you held King in utmost contempt and highly questioned giving him a Nobel prize. This statement was not heard on later reports. Your opinion jibes with mine.

I would appreciate having your full opinion on this M.L. King. Why did he make so many trips to Russia?

If your records show up anything on [REDACTED] I'd appreciate that also.

I am [REDACTED] of this village as well as [REDACTED] b7(c)

b516 Your reply will be greatly welcomed.

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Thanking you,

DATE 2-14-81 BY SP4 JWH/ML Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED] b7(c)  
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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Brennan, C.D.	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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anything on [redacted] I'd  
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I am [redacted]  
of this village as well as [redacted]

Your reply will be  
greatly welcomed.

Thanking you,  
Respectfully yours,

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**[REDACTED]**  
Oakland, California 94610

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DATE *2-18-81* BY *SP-4 JRM/ld*  
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*b7(c)* Dear Mr. Cron:

*me*  
I have received your letter of December 7th and  
appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish  
me your views. Your support is most encouraging and means a  
great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose correspondent was the subject of **[REDACTED]**  
**[REDACTED]** investigation in 1943. This case was closed in view of a  
lack of subversive activity.

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[REDACTED]  
Oakland, Calif. 94610  
December 7, 1970

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

You are so right, about Martin Luther King. A rabble rouser is a rabble rouser. no matter what the color of his skin--or his flag! This was no man of peace, and still less one who gave a damn about his fatherland, but I never thought to see the day when a person in high office would have the guts to say so in public, for the good of his country.

This is to thank you for doing so and to wish you many, many more years of faithful service to your country.

Sincerely,

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Oakland, California 94610.

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b7(c) [REDACTED]  
 Oakland, Calif. 94616  
 December 7, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D.C. MARTIN LUTHER KING

Dear Mr. Hoover,  
 you are so right, about Martin Luther King. A rabble rouser is a rabble rouser, no matter what the color of his skin or his flag? This was no man of peace, and still less one who gave a damn about his fatherland, but I never thought to see the day when a person in high office would have the guts to say so in public, for the good of his country.

This is to thank you for doing so, and to wish you many, many more years of faithful service to your country.

Sincerely,

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Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Dear [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter of December 9th and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness. Your kind remarks are most encouraging and certainly mean a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. [REDACTED] is on the Special Correspondents List and known to the Director on a first-name basis. A telephone call from a disc jockey at Station WIN, Memphis, Tennessee, was handled by Assistant Director Bishop on 12/7/70. The caller requested further FBI comment on the "Time" magazine article quoting the Director regarding Martin Luther King and the Nobel Peace Prize. Mr. Bishop heard a "beep" on the telephone and inquired if the call was being taped or broadcast, stating it was customary that the person being called be so advised. The disc jockey said he thought he had done this and he was firmly told he had not. Mr. Bishop pointed out that the FBI had no further comment as the Director's statement speaks for itself.

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Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Sullivan ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Bishop ✓  
Mr. Brennan CD  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Walters  
Mr. Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On Monday, December 7, 1970, a radio disc jockey here in Atlanta called your office and spoke to one of your staff members. The disc jockey was calling in reference to a newspaper article on your stand concerning Martin Luther King, Jr. receiving the Nobel Peace Prize.

I don't know exactly who the staff member was that took the call, but, on behalf of those of us in Atlanta who heard the call on the radio, I would like to apologize to him and to you.

The disc jockey put your staff member live on the air (it is the disc jockey's custom to call government officials, and others, live and register a complaint with them if he is unhappy with their stand on an issue) but did not tell your staff member that he was on live. When the member of your staff questioned him as to whether or not he was being taped, the jockey told him he was on live. Your staffer very politely asked the disc jockey why he hadn't told him that at the beginning, and the disc jockey replied that he had, in fact, told him so. I listened to the entire conversation, and, at no time, did the disc jockey alert the man to the fact that he was on the air.

Your staffer is to be congratulated at his "cool" response to the snide remark the disc jockey made. The incident so upset me that I felt I had to write. I don't do this kind of thing normally, but I felt it was necessary to express my displeasure and embarrassment at the action.

I am employed by the House of Representatives in Georgia as [redacted], and I have great respect and admiration for those in government who are trying to better mankind. I had the pleasure of meeting you a few years ago at [redacted] in Miami, [redacted], and, although I do not agree with you on the issue mentioned above, I have deep respect for you, and gratitude for all that you have done in your years of government service.

Again, I apologize for the incident. I only hope the disc jockey will do the same.

Respectfully [redacted]

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[REDACTED]  
Unadilla, Georgia 31091

b7(c)

Dear [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter of December 12th  
and appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and  
furnish me your views. The kind sentiments of you and your  
husband are most encouraging and your support certainly  
means a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,

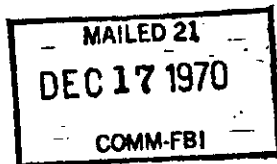
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[REDACTED] b7(c)  
Unadilla, Ga. 31091  
December 12, 1970

Dear Mr. Hoover,

You receive many important letters and documents daily and I am sure a comment from an ordinary wife and mother will make no impression on your active and powerful life. Nonetheless here it is:

My husband and I have always held you and your position in high esteem. The qualities you possess in your personal life do justice to your position in our government. I have never written a letter to such an important person but I could not resist writing you concerning your comment on Martin Luther King. I read recently in one of our local newspapers of your statement about his being undeserving of the Nobel Peace Prize. I couldn't agree with you more. A few days later I read in the same newspaper the comments from some of King's colleagues. You have more support than you will ever know. The FBI is a 'super' organization. If only we had more staunch public figures of your caliber, our government would be the better for them.

It is our prayer God will continue to bless your personal life and your important work in our Justice Department.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] b7(c)

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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December 17, 1970

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[REDACTED]

Brooklyn, New York 11201

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter, with enclosure, was received on  
December 14th and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness.  
Your kind remarks are most encouraging and your support  
means a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Dec. 9, 1970

Mr. Hoover:

Dear Sir:

Just to let you know we aren't all brainwashed, & that some of us are still standing by you, as exemplified by the enclosed.

Respectfully,

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Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201

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b7(c) Dec. 9, 1970.

Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201

Mr. Hoover:

Dear Sir:

Just to let you know we ain't all skin-  
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Respectfully,

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Martin Luther King

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